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NIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Some enemy activity round the British coasts was reported yesterday but few hostile aircraft flew inland.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties when aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast.

Shortly afterwards an enemy plane was shot into the sea by fighters.

An enemy bomber attempting to attack shipping off the south-west coast yesterday was also shot down.

One of our fighters is missing, states the Air Ministry. London had no alert up to a late hour last night but enemy aircraft were believed to be over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west and west country areas and a town in South Wales.—Reuter.

COUNT TELEKI'S SUCCESSOR

The Hungarian Premiership, left vacant by the suicide of Count Teleki, has been offered by the Regent, Admiral Horthy, to Laszlo de Bardessy, who has accepted, says a Budapest telegram to the official German news agency.

M. de Bardessy is wellknown in diplomatic circles in London, where for a number of years he was Councillor of Legation and Charge d'Affaires.

He left London in 1934 to become Hungarian Minister to Bucharest, and was appointed Hungarian Foreign Minister in 1938.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DESTROYERS SUNK

The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

It says the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, reports that an

Imperial Forces Ordered To Retire From Benghazi

DR. MATCHEK PROVIDES TOKEN OF UNITY

The Croat leader, Dr. Matchek, has accepted the Vice-Premiership in the new Yugoslav Government, it was officially announced in Belgrade yesterday.—Reuter.

13,500 Aliens Released

Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing categories of those eligible for release.

Latest figure of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.

Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas. Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.—Reuter.

INDIAN DEFENCE LOANS

The grand total of subscriptions to the all India defence loan up to March 29 was over £40,500,000, says Reuter from New Delhi.

Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition.

Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communique, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.—Reuter.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT BENGHAZI, CHIEF SEAPORT AND TOWN IN EASTERN LIBYA, HAS BEEN EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES.

Benghazi was captured on February 6 following the high speed advance by British forces from Derna along the coast road and across the desert.

The military spokesman in Cairo described the operations in Libya as "minor engagements of no particular importance."

Our forward troops, he said, had withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, 80 miles from Benghazi.

The spokesman said South African troops were increasing their pressure after capturing Mieso, Abyssinia.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town, owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Meanwhile the official Nairobi communique giving news of the capture of Mieso pays a tribute to the cooperation in Abyssinia of the forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding Aden, saying "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy's rear areas and communications."—Reuter.

Nearing Addis Ababa

Mieso is on the railway from Direddawa to Addis Ababa, about 100 miles from Direddawa and (Continued on Page 16)

Paddle Steamer In Action

A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle-mine-sweeper Lorna Doone (temporary Lt. T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R.) and three Dornier bombers.

One enemy aircraft is believed to have been destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped.

Only casualties in the Lorna Doone were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states an Admiralty communique.—Reuter.

BELGRADE AN OPEN TOWN

Belgrade has been declared an open town announced Belgrade radio last night.

Following the declaration the population have been warned that a blackout may be enforced at any moment, the announcer added.

Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, is leaving Zagreb for Belgrade where he will join the Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier, confident that every effort will be made to preserve peace.

In an interview, Dr. Matchek said: "I consider it my duty to do all I can to maintain peace for the supreme benefit of humanity, and I have a profound conviction that the present leaders of Serbia and the people of Serbia are as sincerely for peace as I am."—Reuter.

Cairo last night. To ensure the safety of Italian families in Asmara the Italian bishop and chief of police appealed to the British to occupy the town and restore order. THIS IS THE FIRST TANGIBLE SIGN OF SERIOUS DOMESTIC TROUBLE THREATENING THE REMAINING ITALIAN FORCES IN EAST AFRICA.—REUTER.

NATIVE TROOPS RIOT

Rioting by Italian colonial troops in Asmara preceded the entry of the British and Imperial forces into the Eritrean capital.

This was revealed by the British military spokesman in

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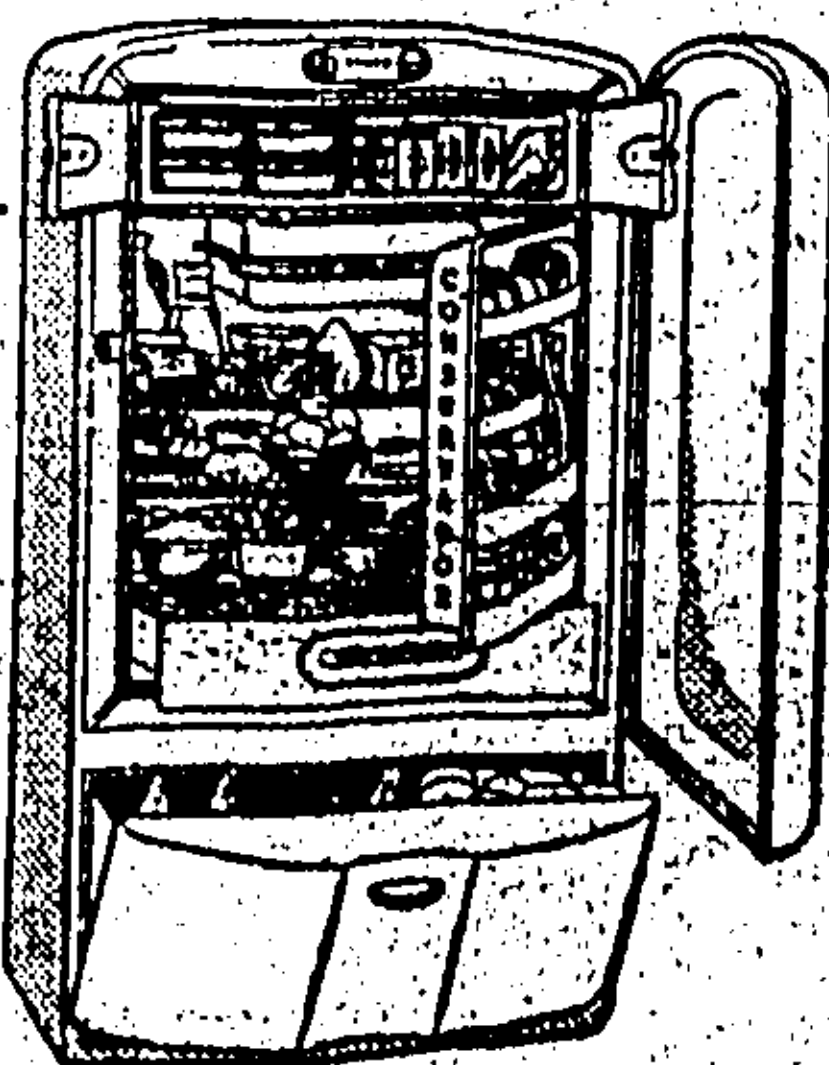
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Count Teleki's Suicide Due To German Pressure

EFFORT TO FORCE RUPTURE WITH YUGOSLAVS

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

COUNT TELEKI, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is Hungary's first victim under the Axis Pact. He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task."

This burden was entirely due to German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugoslavia. One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugoslavia, removing the causes of the political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between vassal Hungary and independent and spirited Yugoslavia, and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, has felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face.

He has taken a way out that seemed to him easier. **THERE ARE MANY POLITICIANS IN BUDAPEST WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TOOLS OF GERMANY BUT ADMIRAL HORTHY IS ALSO A MAN OF INDEPENDENT MOULD AND HIS CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR TO COUNT TELEKI MAY DELAY IF IT DOES NOT CIRCUMVENT GERMAN PLANS.**

Bulgarians Too

Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia, are similarly being dragooned into opposition.

The Bulgar-Serb rapprochement was a very real thing and

had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans. The Germans will not find it easy to poison relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

Shot Through Head

A Budapest dispatch to Vichy states that Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol.—Reuter.

INDIA REJOICES AT KEREN VICTORY

The Bengal Assembly in Calcutta yesterday adopted a resolution submitted by the Premier conveying rejoicings to the King at the capture of Keren and Harrar and the warmest congratulations to the Indian soldiers and other Imperial troops for their conspicuous gallantry.—Reuter.

GERMAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

German Socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his allies with all means at our disposal," according to a joint declaration issued in London yesterday.

The declaration states: "German Socialists in Britain are united in conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of German Nazism and the elimination of the social basis of Hitler's dictatorship are indispensable conditions to permanent peace, of the reconstruction of Europe and of a Democratic and Socialist future for Germany."—Reuter.

APOLOGY TO AMERICA

The Ministry of Aircraft Production in London issued the following announcement yesterday:—

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of 'Jane's All the World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States.

"Neither the publication itself nor the principal editor, Mr. C. G. Grey, has any official status.

"The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication, with a view to removing the offensive sentences."—Reuter.

ESSENCE OF LIVING AT STAKE

DECLARING THAT "THE TYRANNY OF MAN OVER ITALIAN AND GERMAN MINDS IS ONE OF THE SADDEST THINGS IN HISTORY," MR. R. G. MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, IN A SPEECH AT BELFAST YESTERDAY, INSTANCED LIBYA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE MOST MISERABLE, WORTHLESS AND DESERTED COUNTRIES ANY MAN EVER LAID EYES ON."

The Australians who had cleared it had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more.

What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living, without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white."—Reuter.

INDIA'S ORDNANCE OUTPUT

Further progress in manufacturing in India of miscellaneous items of ordnance stores has enabled the majority of the 40,000 items being available to India.

New items are war equipment, lubricating oil, chemicals, and drugs of various kinds.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON CONVOY IN THAMES

The British gunboat *Locust* shot down one enemy aircraft, badly damaged another and hit a third during an unsuccessful attack on a British convoy in the Thames Estuary yesterday morning, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

DESTROYED THREE OUT OF FOUR

When Flight Lieutenant J. H. Lapsley of the Middle East Command, was awarded the D.F.C. recently, it was mentioned in the official citation that "on one occasion, single-handed, he attacked a formation of four S.79's and destroyed three of them."

It may now be revealed that it was in the battle of Bardia and Fort Capuzzo, a combined operation with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, that Flight Lieutenant Lapsley performed his great feat.

He arrived on the scene of the combat just as five of the S.79's had dropped their bombs west of the Fleet, and were making for home as fast as their engines would carry them. One of the five immediately went down in flames—evidently it had fallen a victim to the anti-aircraft fire from one of the warships.

Flight Lieutenant Lapsley at once went for the remainder. Picking out the leader first, he gave him about eight short bursts from the guns of his Hurricane, and the Italian fell away. He fell inside the British lines and the deadliness of Flight Lieutenant Lapsley's shooting is shown by the fact that there were no fewer than 600 bullet holes in the aircraft.

This aircraft was the S.79 which was later on view in Alexandria and Cairo. Tens of thousands paid to inspect it—and to note the work of the British pilot.

Having dealt with the leader, Flight Lieutenant Lapsley went full tilt for a second. He had put only the second burst into the Italian aircraft when it went up in flames.

"I was about a hundred yards away and the flames were too close for comfort," he said, later. "I swerved away and then saw the crew baling out."

By this time there was only one Italian aircraft left in sight, and he was making desperate efforts to escape. He had edged in towards the Libyan coast.

"He was diving like mad for a cloud, but I gave him three or four long bursts, and with one engine smoking, he disappeared," said Flight Lieutenant Lapsley. "I think that he fell into the sea."

As there did not seem to be much more doing, Flight Lieutenant Lapsley then made his way back to his base.

"He has proved himself to be a pilot of tremendous enthusiasm and ability," said the official citation. "temperamentally suited for the role of fighter pilot, and he has exploited to the full all opportunities that came his way."

ITALIANS IN RETREAT HARASSED

The harassing of Italian columns retreating from Asmara and the destruction of three enemy bombers in Albania, are among the highspots in yesterday's R.A.F. communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters in Cairo.

Dealing with Eritrea, the communique states that the R.A.F. on Wednesday maintained bomb and machine-gun attacks on enemy transport retreating southwards from Asmara.

Free French aircraft bombed an enemy encampment on the Adowa road, while motor transport on the Dessie-Assab road was bombed and machine-gunned and a number damaged. In Albania, four enemy bombers which attempted to raid Volos (Greece) were intercepted by R.A.F. fighters. Three were shot down and the fourth severely damaged.

In Tripolitania during the night of April 1/2 R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli, directly hitting the mole.

A heavy bombing attack was made on enemy motor transport at Ras Lamuf. Many vehicles were destroyed.

No British machines are missing.—Reuter.

INJURED COUPLE RIDDLE

An O.B.E. was found wounded and his wife dying in a semi-detached house at Hillbrow, Liss, near Petersfield, Hants.

Later the police interviewed an Army officer son and daughter.

Their father—Mr. R. Tinniswood, aged sixty-two, said to be a retired finance officer of the Post Office—was taken to Petersfield Hospital with a wound in his throat.

His wife was found dying in a bedroom, apparently having been wounded in the back with a carving knife. She died in an ambulance on the way to hospital.

It is stated that Mr. Tinniswood is likely to recover.

The couple bought the house in November last. They moved in before Christmas.

A local contractor said: "I did not know much about them, but Mr. Tinniswood mentioned to me casually that they had been living in hotels on and off for about a year before they bought the house. As far as I know, they came from London."

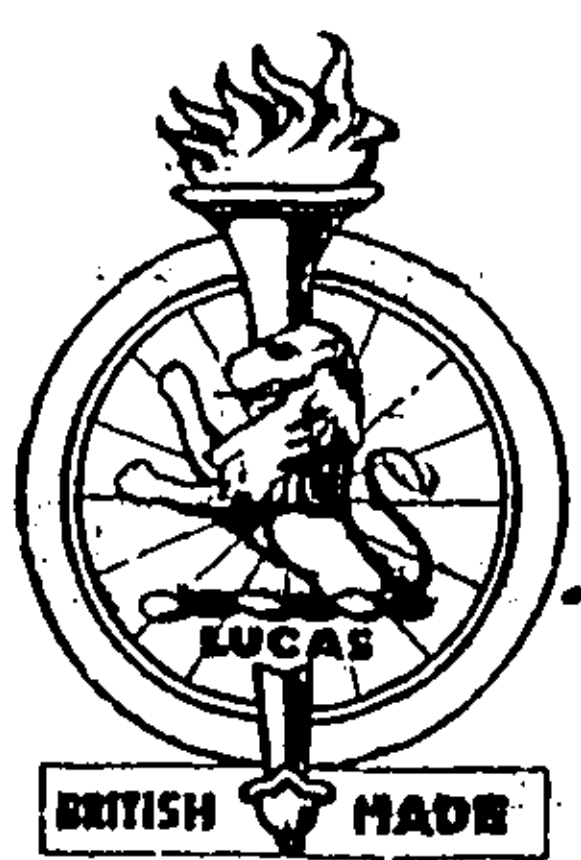
In His Garden

All the houses in the neighbourhood, which is thickly wooded, are far apart from one another and are occupied by retired or independent people.

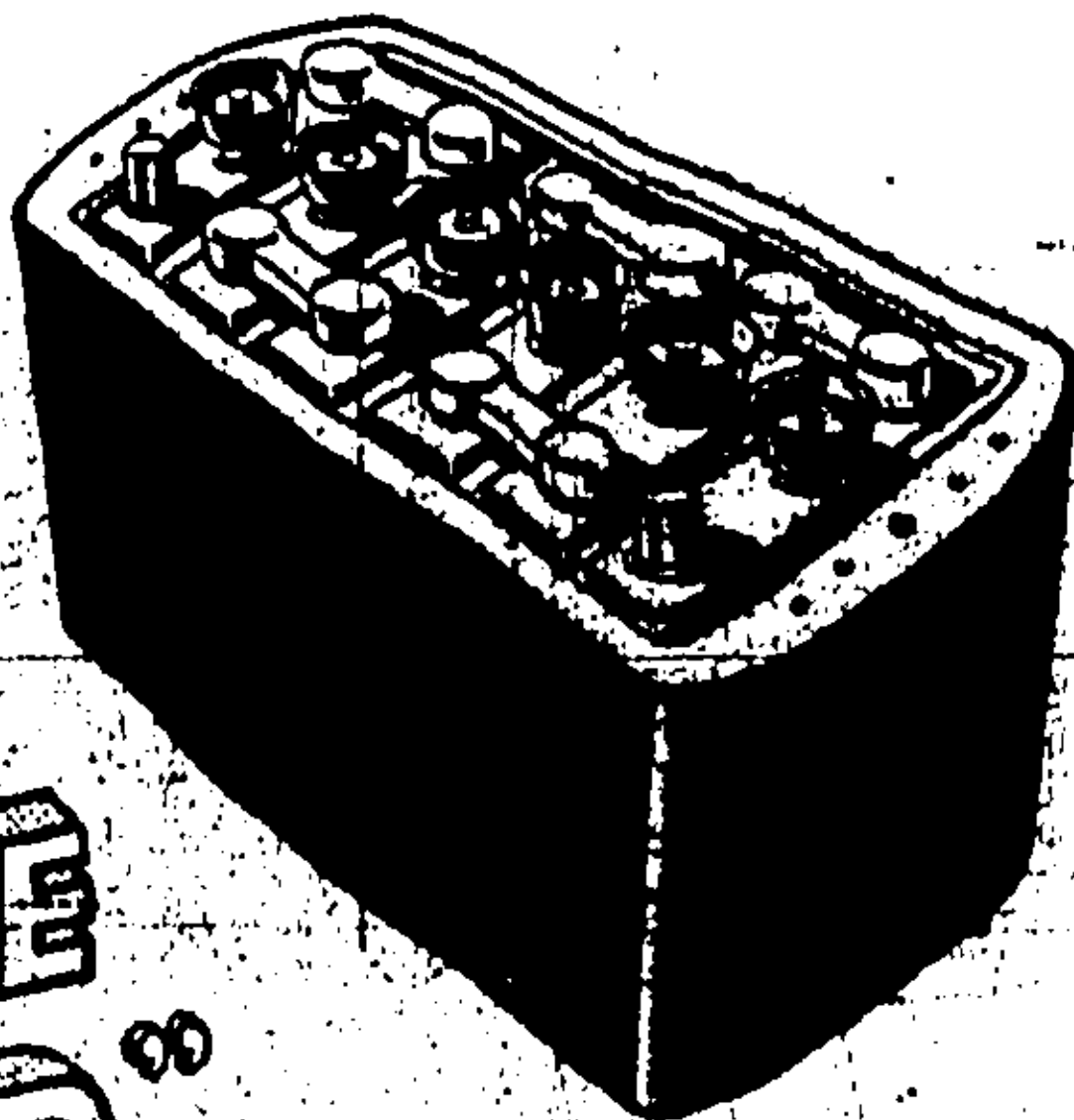
None of them knew that anything had happened until the police arrived there. Not even the woman living next door.

She said: "I saw Mr. Tinniswood in his garden on Sunday morning. I had not seen much of him nor his wife since they moved in."

After taking over the house Mr. and Mrs. Tinniswood were kept busy furnishing and decorating and had had no opportunity of making friends with their neighbours.



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Axis Ships May Be Forfeited To The United States

POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORFEIT THE SEIZED AXIS SHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES IS BEING "STUDIED" BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, AND MR. ROBERT JACKSON, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ANNOUNCED MR. MORGENTHAU IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Meanwhile Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, acting on President Roosevelt's orders, yesterday sent a Note to the Italian Ambassador demanding the immediate recall of the Italian naval attache in Washington, Admiral Alberto Lais.

It is alleged that Admiral Lais was connected with the sabotage of Italian ships in American ports.

The Note, as published by the State Department, says Admiral Lais is "persona non grata to this Government as naval attache of the Royal Italian Embassy in Washington."

It requests "your Excellency's Government to withdraw him immediately from the United States."

The Note continues that the action is being taken because of "various facts and circumstances which have come to the attention of this Government connecting Admiral Lais with the commission by certain persons of acts in violation of the laws of the United States."

Germans Next ?

The President has decided that the continued presence of Admiral Lais "would no longer be agreeable to this Government," the Note added.

Mr. Hull said at his press conference he was unable now to take up the question whether similar action might be taken against any German official in the United States.—Reuter.

RAF PART FLOTSAM-JETSAM

Flotsam and Jetsam, famous broadcasting duo, signed off in Henry Hall's guest night programme with their familiar farewell lines—with a difference.

"That's all for duration, and it's all meant as chaff," Flotsam and Jetsam and the goodnight laugh.

Cheerio till it's over, and lest anyone forgets them, Your very sincerely, Flotsam and Jetsam.

The reason? After fifteen years' successful partnership the pair are to be separated when Flotsam joins up and becomes Pilot Officer B. C. Hilliam, of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve.

At Henry Hall's suggestion they gave listeners the first programme they ever broadcast — "Maud Marie," their skit on Rachmaninoff, and that delightful ditty about "Little Betty Bouchee" who loved an airman down at the B.B.C.

"It's sad to part after all these years," said Flotsam to a reporter

KEEPING UP A BOLD FACE

A PREDICTION THAT THE AXIS RACE WOULD LAST FOR A CENTURY WAS MADE BY MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, BEFORE LEAVING ROME FOR BERLIN YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO A ROME DESPATCH TO THE DOMEI NEWS AGENCY.

Mr. Matsuoka said the Pact differed from ordinary alliances which were inspired by the common interests of the signatories, as it is based upon the ideal of creating a new world order which was shared by the three powers. — Reuter.

GIFTS FROM CHINA

A further gift of £10,000 from British communities in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister of Aircraft Production, says Reuter from London.

STRAITS WAR FUND NOW £600,000

Latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £19,575 makes a total to date of £600,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers.—Reuter.

'I'M DEAD --- SEND ME £10'

HE COURTED MISS X from 1937 to last year. He gave her money from time to time. She refused to marry him. Determined to get his money back, he wrote a letter "from his daughter," saying he was dead, and enclosing a memorial card. His daughter and Miss X were to share his fortune.

But Miss X was expected to repay £10.10s. the "dead man" had given her. Later Miss X received a letter "from a solicitor."

So Miss X, expecting to receive a legacy of 50 guineas, parted with £10.10s. to "Mr. Baker, the solicitor" who signed the receipt "with many thanks."

But the "dead man" — William George Gibbs, electrician, of Ashburnmews, Gloucester Road, London, S. W. — had broken the law.

He appeared at Wood Green Police Court, London, accused of "unlawfully taking the designation of a solicitor." Gibbs, stated to be a married man who had become reconciled with his wife, was ordered to pay £30 in fines and £10.10s. costs.

Gibbs wrote the Court that he did not think he had done an illegal thing in writing as he did to get back money due to him.

after the broadcast.

"The only thing that reconciles up to it is that it's all in a good cause and the sooner we get that man Hitler settled the sooner we can get back to our real job of entertaining listeners."

"Jetsam's carrying on with the B.B.C. He has lots of contracts." So that's all till the next time. But think what fun some lucky R.A.F. squadron is going to have when Flotsam sits down at the old mess piano and turns out topical ditties about the squadron-leader's whiskers or how they bombed Berlin!

The solicitor for the Law Society said that after the association had been broken off Gibbs wrote Miss X: "I have great hopes of causing you all the misery I can."

Then came the "daughter's letter" and the memorial card: "In loving memory of William George Gibbs, who entered into rest on June 15, 1940, interred at Finchley Cemetery."

The magistrate, looking on the card, said a verse read:

Love is kind
And does no wrong
Love is meek
And suffers long
Love than death itself more strong

Therefore, give us love. The letter indicated that later the will would be read, and that £100 would be payable between the late Mr. Gibbs's wife, his daughter and Miss X.

One day, after paying up the £10.10s, Miss X came face to face "with the deceased."

He said to her: "You thought I was dead, didn't you? But I am not dead and I have got my £10.10s."

"Had I appealed to your sympathy I should not have succeeded, but appealing to your vanity and greed I got what I wanted."

The solicitor said the Law Society felt it necessary to take the proceedings "because Gibbs, having got £10.10s., might have resorted to the same subterfuge to get more money."

NAZI SEAMEN REFUSE TO PLEAD

Ten German sailors, handcuffed in pairs, were charged before the Federal Court in Boston yesterday with sabotage aboard their tanker, which has been seized by the United States authorities.

The accused men refused to plead. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful and mostly firm yesterday, especially industrials, where gains were widespread with iron and steels prominent, but the markets closed quieter. Gilt-edged were firmly held, and oils and home rails were also little changed. Kaffirs were irregularly lower but African gold mines advanced. Coppers were more active. Japanese and Brazilian bonds were good among foreign issues where there was some buying. Chinese Customs Loans were also good. Wall Street generally was firm. — Reuter.

ITALIAN SHIP'S DASH TO BRAZIL

The Italian freighter Himalaya (6,240 tons) arrived in Rio de Janeiro yesterday direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged, but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive in Rio since the war.

The German freighter Babilonga (4,422 tons) cleared the customs at Santos (Brazil) on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel, and is expected to leave soon.

Fervish preparations for departure are still reported from a north Brazilian port where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up. — Reuter.

BROADCASTS TO ITALIANS

Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation.

A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi.

The British authorities have started an Italian newspaper in Mogadiscio, which gives the main war news, including British, German and Italian communiques. — Reuter.

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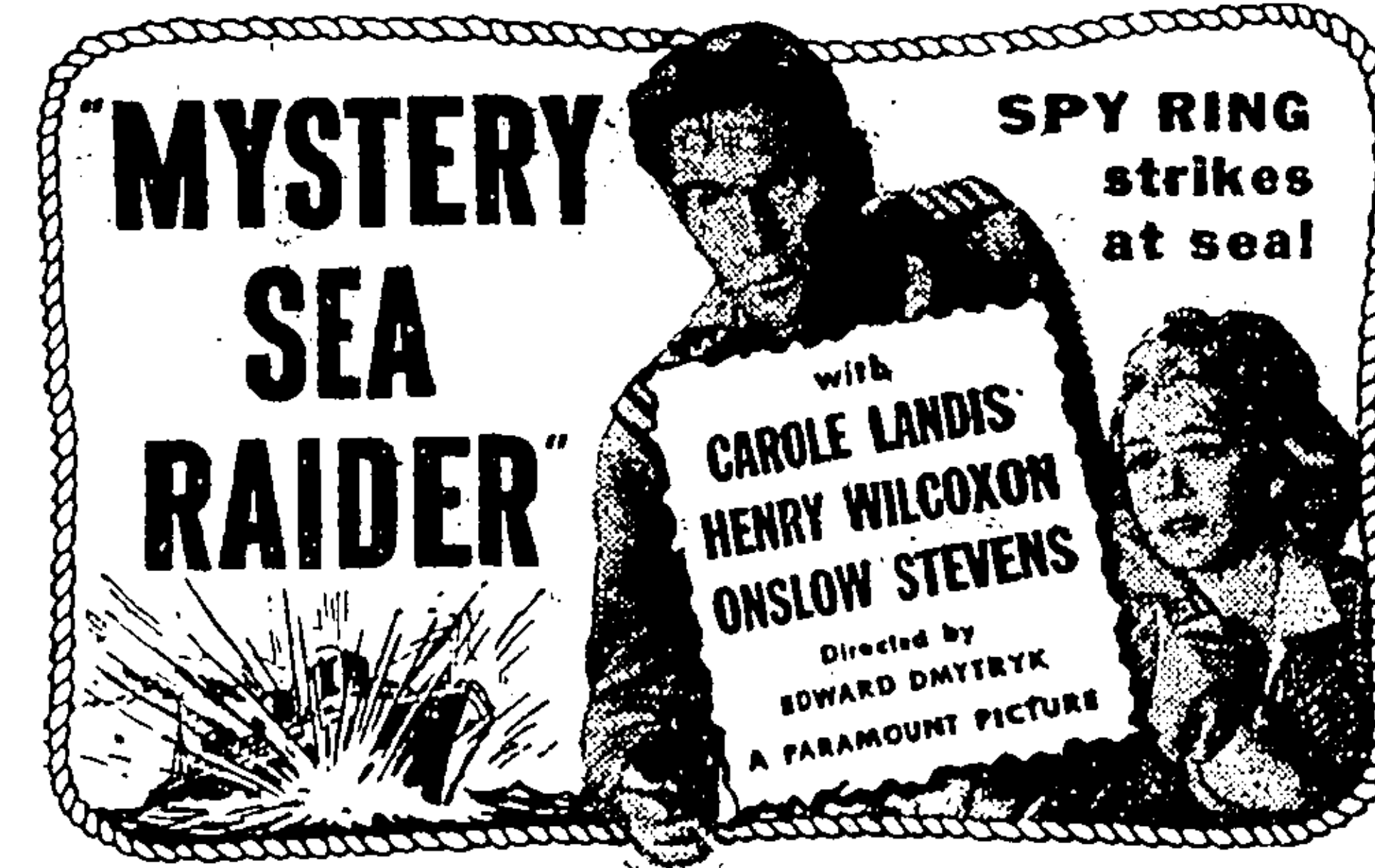


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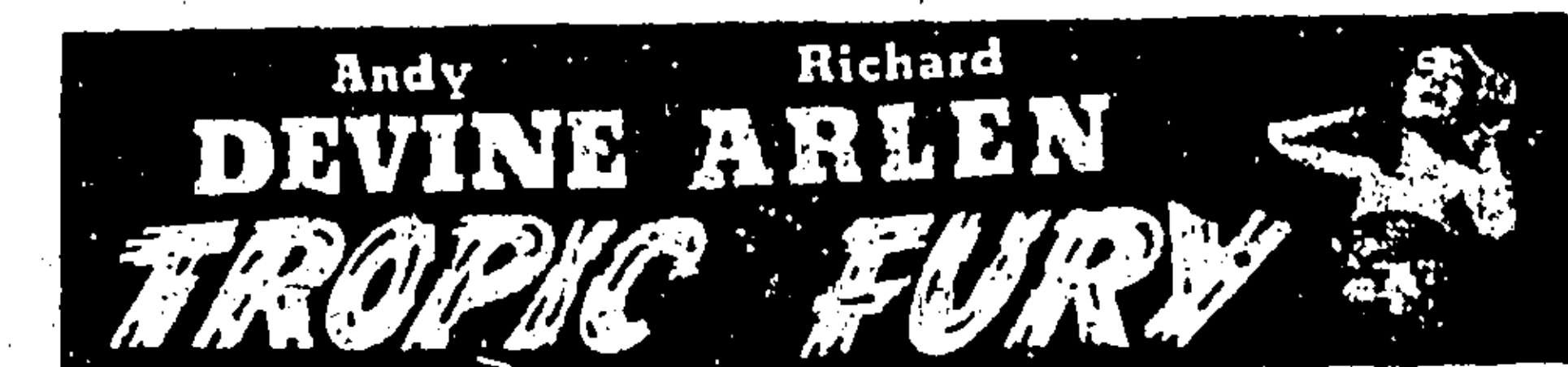
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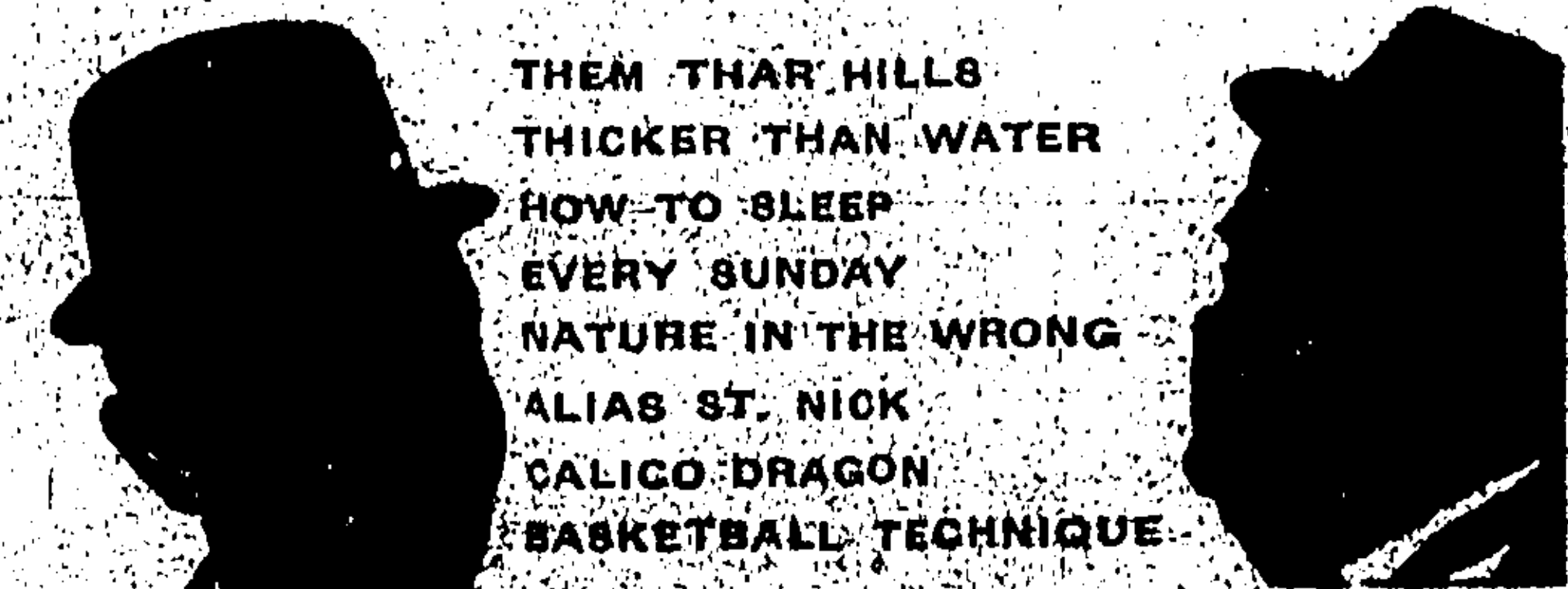


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WILFUL WIFE, SAYS JUDGE

STRONG COMMENTS on a wife's character were made by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court, when damages of £1,000 were awarded to Mr. Hugh Thomas Cunningham Pepper, of Salvington Letts, Worthing, Sussex, against Dr. Eric Dickens Spackman, of Shelley Road, Worthing.

Mr. Pepper, who alleged misconduct between his wife, Mrs. Barbara Pepper, of Toad Hall, Shoreham, and Dr. Spackman, was granted a decree nisi.

Mrs. Pepper failed in her petition for a decree on the ground of her husband's cruelty.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton said that at the time of the marriage, in 1927, Mrs. Pepper was twenty-one and her husband twenty-three. She had a small income of her own, and Mr. Pepper, who had an allowance of £500 a year from his father, set up as a fruit farmer.

Really Frightened

In November, 1939, Mrs. Pepper left her husband, writing him a note in which she said: "As you have no hesitation in knocking me about and using abusive language, I am really frightened to go on living here."

Dealing with the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, the Judge said: "I have not the slightest doubt that Mrs. Pepper was a lady who is courageous to the point of recklessness, ardent and tireless in pursuit of her pleasures, vivacious, selfish and wilful."

"A lady more rigidly and ruthlessly determined to go her own way and get her own way I seldom remember to have met."

Bathing Together

Regarding the allegation of adultery, the Judge said Mr. Pepper, in April, 1939, wrote to Dr. Spackman:

"Your constant attention to darning (Mrs. Pepper) during the last few years has earned you considerable notoriety."

"I wish to put particular emphasis on your almost daily bathing together during the summer, and I know she has addressed you at least once as 'Darling'... the matter has now got to a pitch which I find unendurable."

Dr. Spackman replied that the letter was a great shock, and he promised to break off his association with Mrs. Pepper.

The Judge said he could see no answer to the point made—the interviews of two hours at a time, sometimes with the door locked.

86, KILLED BY BOY, 11

A grandfather aged eight-six received fatal wounds when a gun which his eleven-year-old grandson was cleaning was accidentally discharged.

This was told at the inquest at Barnstaple, North Devon, on William Williams, retired merchant seaman, of St. John's Chapel, Pawstock, North Devon.

The grandson, Cecil William John Cobley, stood on a chair while giving evidence.

He said that on the previous Tuesday his grandfather took a single-barrelled shotgun with the intention of shooting a cat, which got away. He did not see his grandfather remove the cartridge afterwards.

On Thursday the boy was sitting before the fire in the kitchen cleaning the gun, and his grandfather was sitting opposite watching him. The boy did not know the gun was loaded.

While polishing the brasswork he caught a rag in the hammer. He heard a bang and his grandfather called out "Oh!" Verdict: Accidental death.

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SAYS PIG IS BETTER HOME PET THAN DOG

Pigs are "ideal pets" and ought to oust dogs from British homes, at any rate during war, says Mr. Roger North, a well-known Norfolk barrister and farmer.

"Some are so companionable," urges Mr. North. He keeps nearly 300 pigs himself, so he ought to know.

"Unlike a dog, a pig will enjoy every kind of household scrap," Mr. North told a reporter:

"There is no cleaner animal, and they are quite easy to house-train."

"They are remarkably intelligent and most affectionate; in fact, the only thing a pig can't do that a dog can is catch rats."

"Are Obedient"

Mr. North advocates sows as pets rather than boars.

"People are apt to become so attached to their pig that they cannot bear to part with him, even for bacon," he added. "The solution is to keep a sow and let her piglets fill the larder."

"Pigs are both faithful and obedient, and even their grunts are expressive."

"They would make ideal pets in any home where a dog is kept at present."

He recommends as indoor pets the smaller breeds—say Essex, Saddleback or Small White.

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In six months he has taught 450 Army and A.T.S. messing officers the secrets of appetising cookery.

All officers sent for a ten-day course at this training centre are not enthusiastic about it when they first go, but the lieutenant-quartermaster has an answer for them.

They'll Be Happy

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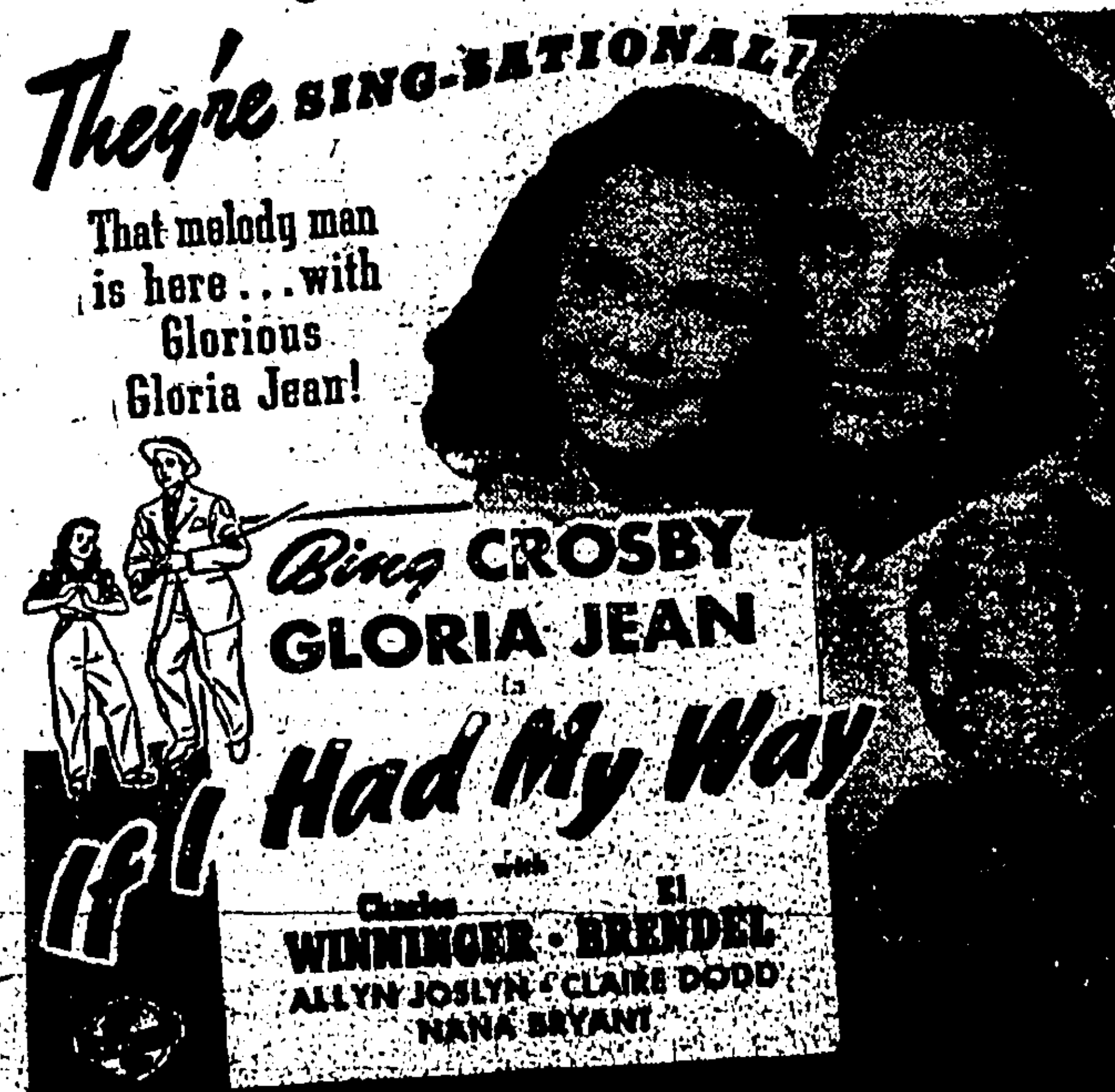
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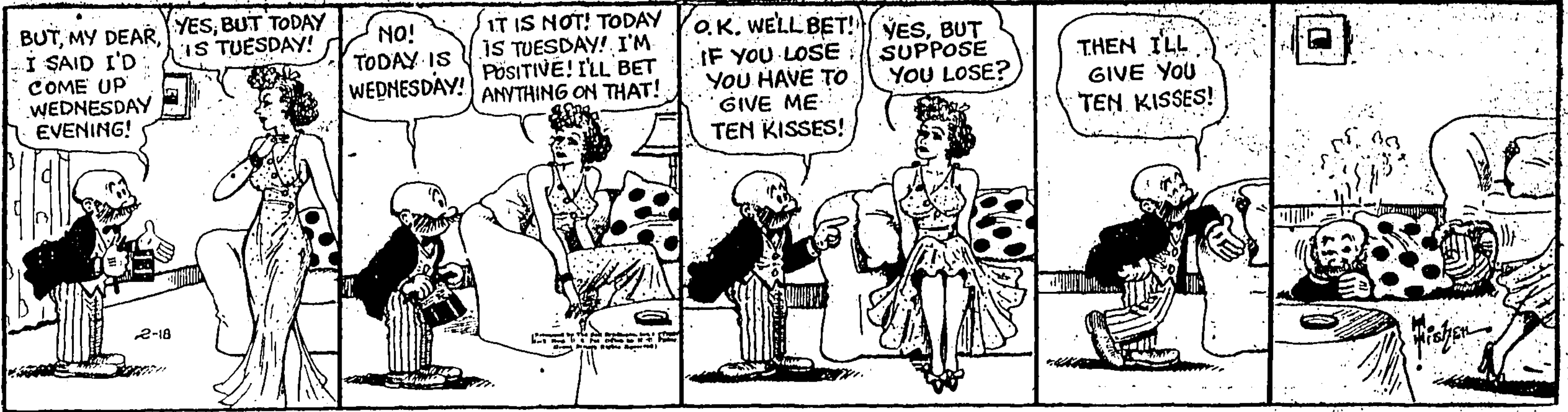
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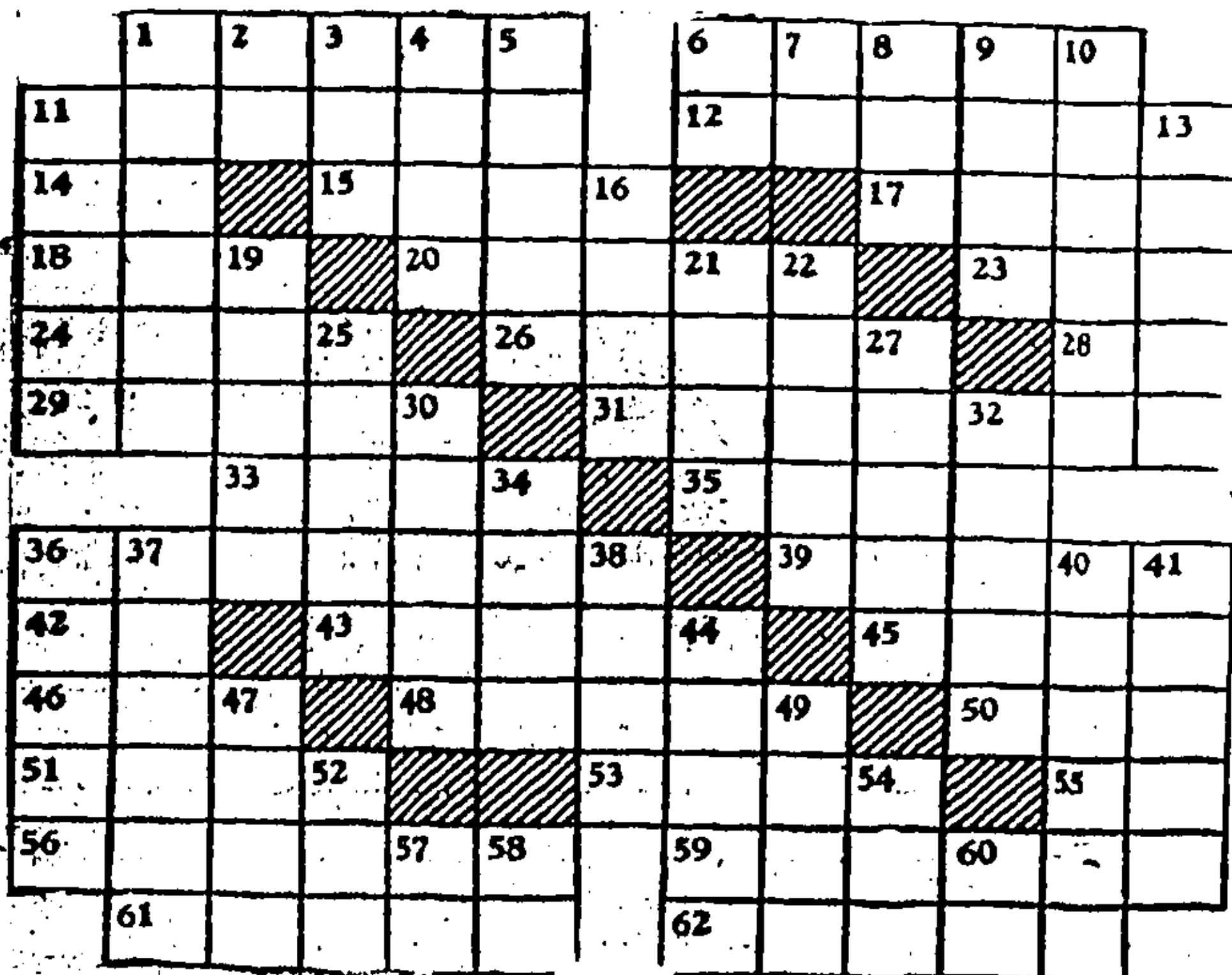
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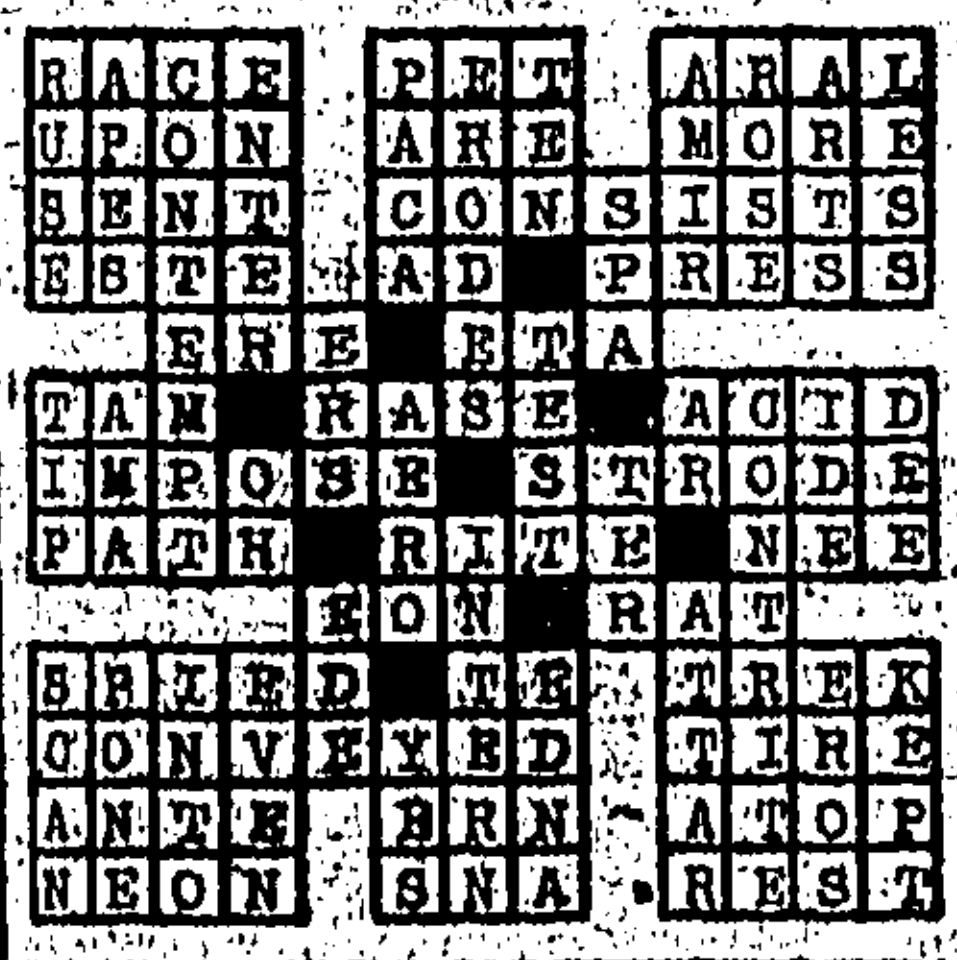
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 29. Giver
 31. Having bands
 32. Epochs
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 36. Attacks
 39. Hikeplings
 42. Greek letter
 43. Grook of burden
 45. Storage place
 46. Napkin
 48. Goatling
 50. Regulation

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 13. Church council
 16. Cans
 19. Natives of Denmark
 21. Children
 22. Long-legged birds
 25. Ethical
 27. Coins
 30. Scolds
 32. Danger
 34. To strike
 36. Yellowish
 37. Filled
 38. Self-confident
 40. Blazed
 41. Seeded
 44. Desert dwellers
 47. Package
 49. Let it stand
 52. Cap
 54. Guido's high note
 57. Symbol for tellurium
 58. Teutonic deity
 60. Proposition

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



GIRL SAW PARENTS' DEATH STRUGGLE

A ten-year-old girl who tried to stop a death struggle between her mother and father was complimented on her pluck at the inquest.

It was stated that the child was in bed with her parents when her father, in a fit of jealousy, attacked her mother with a razor. When the child was dragged out of the room by a sister, the man cut his wife's throat and then committed suicide.

The girl was Betty Bounds, of Jenkins Road, Plaistow, E. The inquest was on her parents, Richard Bounds, forty-nine-year-old platelayer, and Eugene Florence Bounds, also aged forty-nine. Mrs. Bounds, it was stated, joined the A.R.P. service against her husband's wishes. He suspected her of having formed an association with a fireman named Fred.

The three daughters of the couple, including Betty, told of quarrels because of their mother's A.R.P. work, and said that on one occasion the police had been called to the house because of their father's threats.

"Have Mercy"

Betty said that since she returned from evacuation in Somerset, she had slept in the same bed as her father and mother. Usually she slept in the middle, but on this night her father told her to get against the wall. Her mother made her get back again. "During the night father climbed over me and knelt on mother's chest," she said. "He got his hands on her throat."

"My mother shouted, 'Have mercy, don't be mad,' but my father would not leave go. I grabbed his hand and tried to drag him away from mother, but could not do so, so I shouted for my sisters."

Betty said she did not see anything in her father's hand, but her fingers were cut with what she thought was a knife.

The coroner called Betty to him and commended her for her action and for the way in which she gave her evidence.

The verdict was that Bounds murdered his wife by cutting her throat with a razor and then committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

ITALIANS CONVERTING THE REX INTO MERCHANT CRUISER

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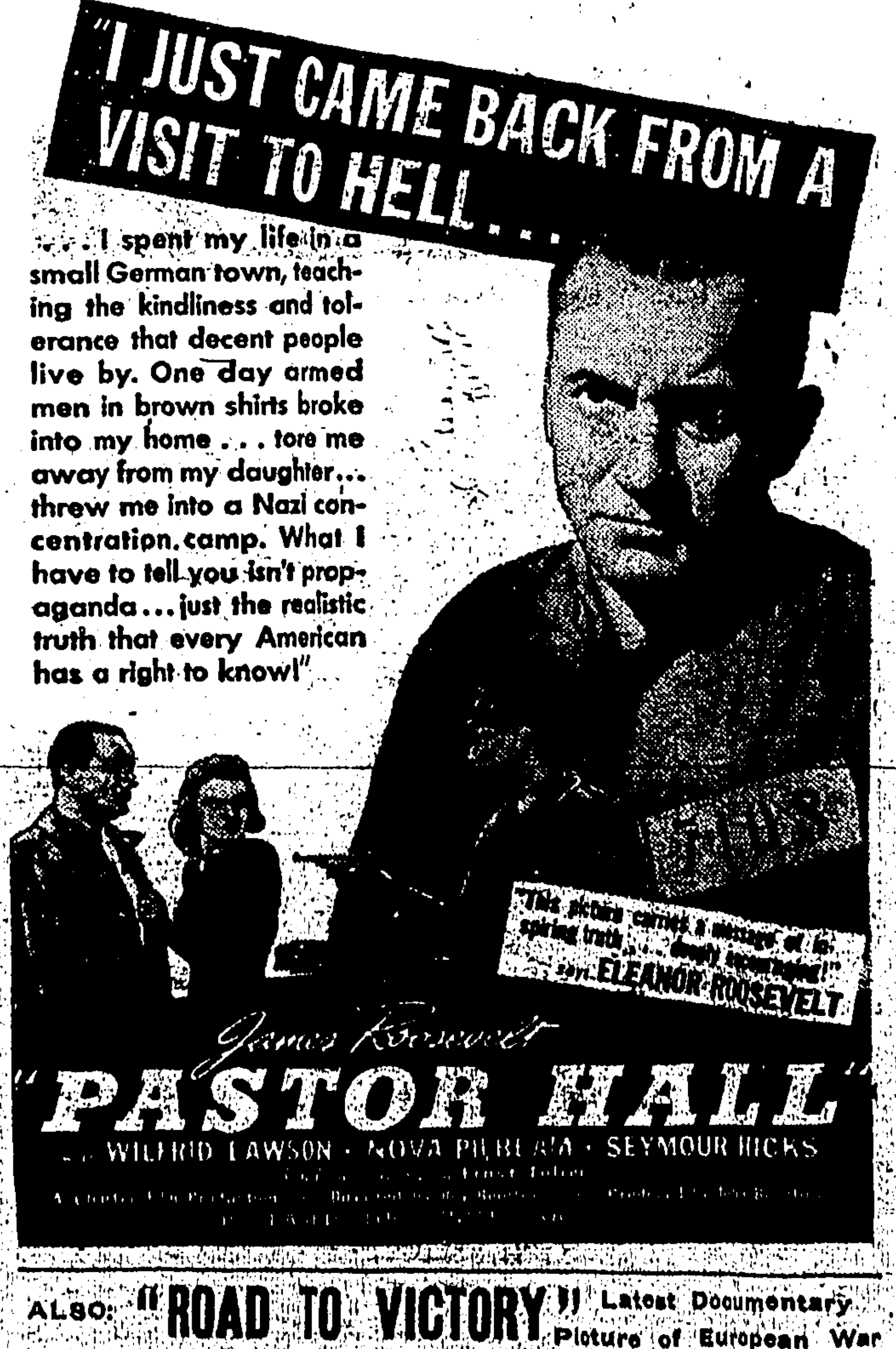
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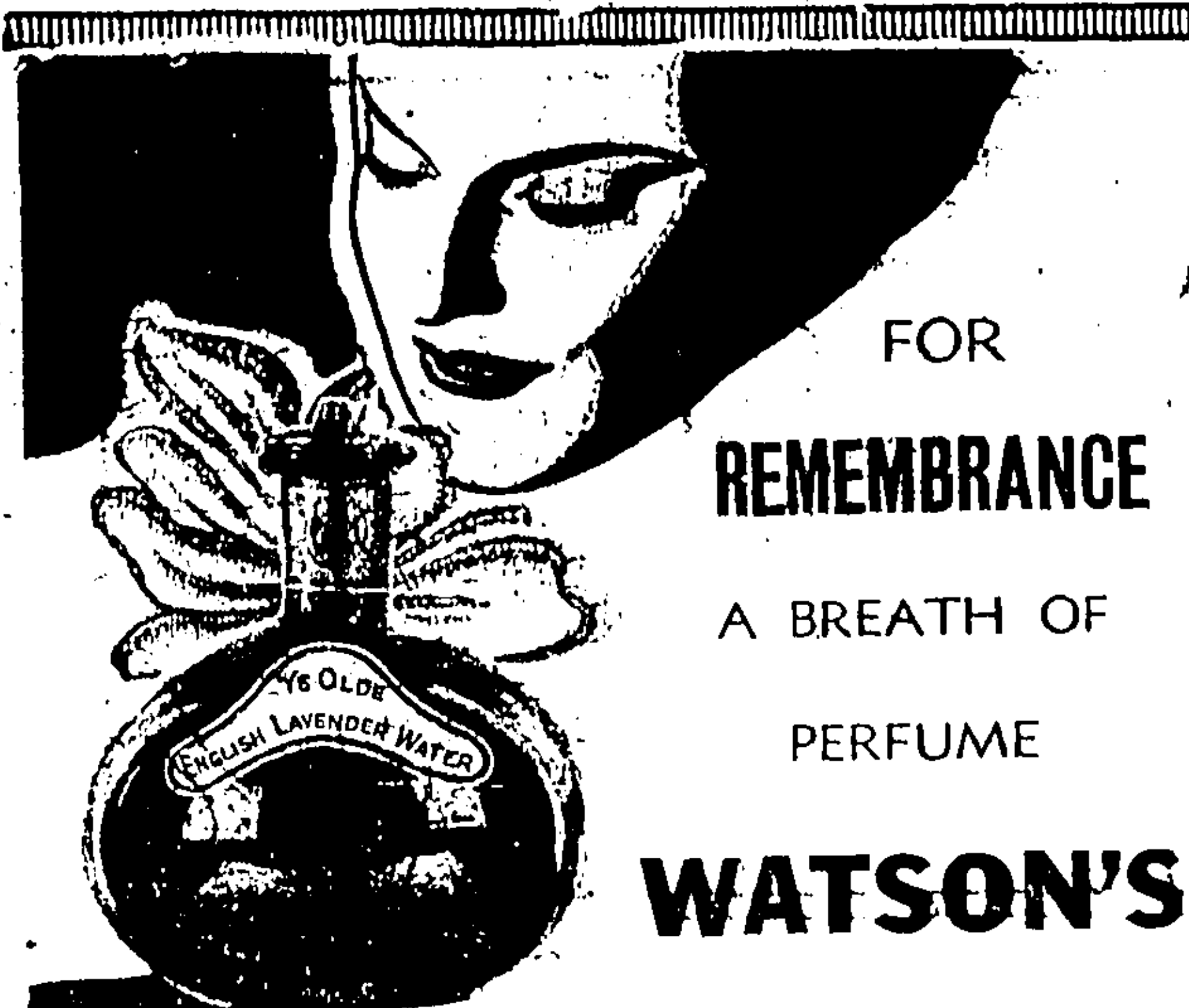


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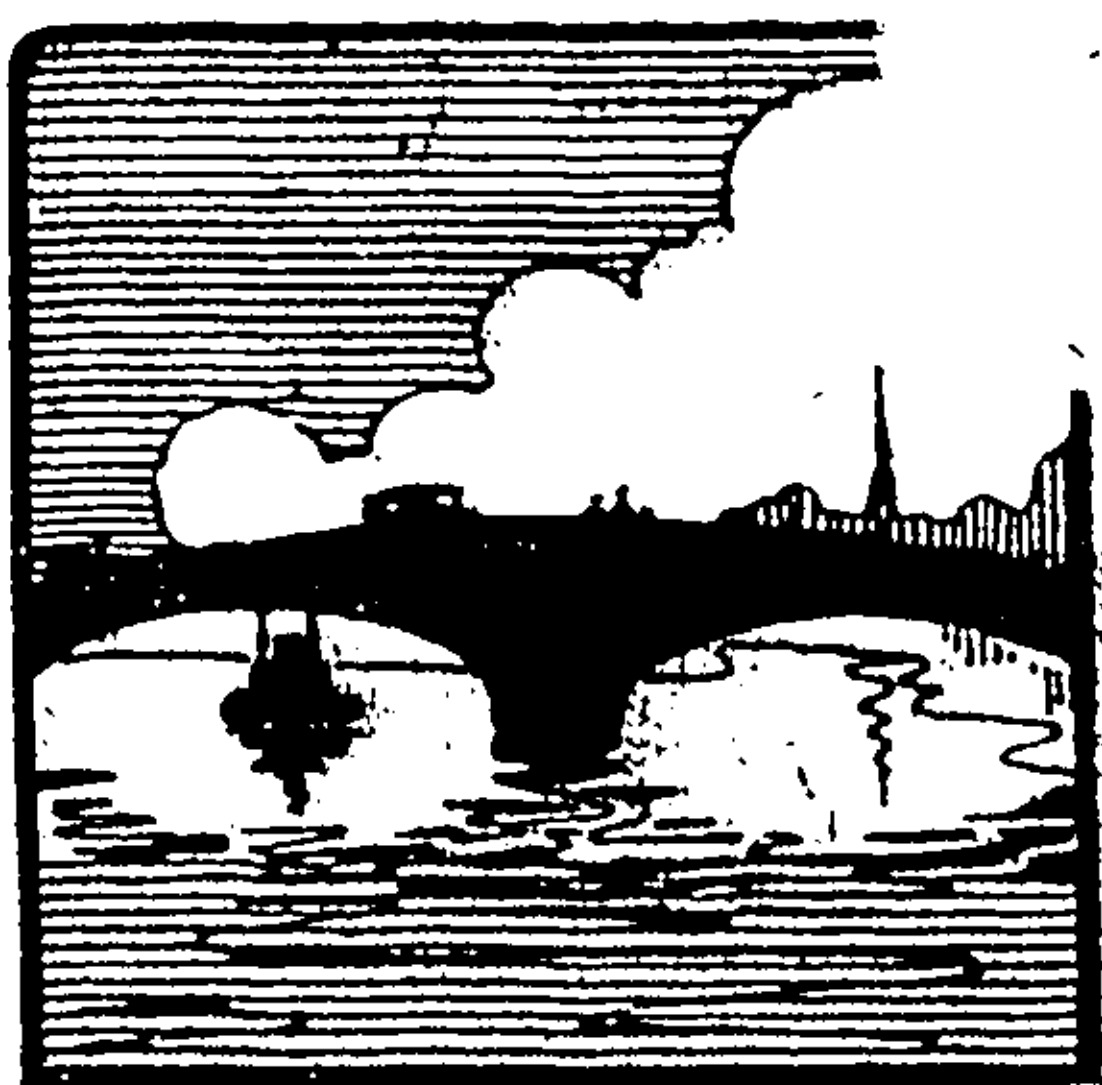
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SUPERIORITY OF BRITISH TANK

AN INSPECTION TOUR of a huge factory where tanks are being turned out on a mass-production scale reminiscent of Detroit automobile plants has shown how eager British working men, women, and even young boys and girls are to "do their bit" on the country's industrial war front.

The tour was occasioned by the recent return of two British tank officers from Africa where they commanded crews of machines built in this factory.

Using a newly finished tank as a platform, the two officers told a gathering of more than 1,000 workers, who had taken time out of their lunch hour to give them a rousing welcome, that "your tanks helped us give the enemy a real good dusting and neither Italian nor German stuff can defeat British steel."

Both officers — whose faces are still tanned from the glare of the sun on the Western Desert — paid tribute to the workers "for doing a good job" and said the troops were deeply impressed by the manner in which those labouring in British war factories stick to their jobs during air raids.

One officer with the rank of major related at the battle of Benhazl Italian tanks considerably outnumbered the British and on one occasion the odds were twenty-six against five. The major added, "We couldn't have taken on these odds if our tanks hadn't been so good," and he went on to say that the twenty-six Italians "were knocked off" the next day when we got some reinforcements."

Workers Pleased

Hearing such praise of their product, the workers beamed like pleased parents being told how clever their children were.

"Good chap, ain't he?" grinned one grimy workman to his neighbour.

The officers and a party of newspaper men later went through the entire plant and saw tanks growing before their eyes from the flat steel plate to the finished product bristling with guns.

Everywhere men, women, boys and girls were bent over lathes, grinding machines, etc. One man whose job was to put a minute groove in a steel disk declared in answer to questions:

"No, I ain't satisfied to send a piece along that will only just do. I want to make it as perfect as possible because men's lives and our victory depend on our workmanship. All of us feel the same way."

At another bench a boy, who said he was 14 years old, was heating small rivets.

"Of course, I am doing my bit," he said. "How could you build tanks without rivets?"

The din of whirring machines and the roar of powerful tank motors being tested on blocks, the screech of steel being sawed in the proper pattern, always drowned out air-raid sirens outside this factory, so company officials have a special system of notifying the employees. Air-raid watchers are constantly on the outlook.

In Raids

When enemy planes approach the city the watchers give the signal, saying, "Take shelter, if you wish." This is called an optional alarm — and workers never obey it, preferring to keep their wheels turning. When planes hover directly over the plant workers get the strict order that they must take shelter. But instead of going to dugouts underneath the proving grounds outside the factory, they crawl under work benches, knowing that at any moment there is the risk that bombs might crash around them in an attempt by German raiders to put the plant out of commission.

"They are fighting just as much as we are," one tank officer said afterward.

20 NAZI DIVISIONS IN ITALY

Foreign military observers in Belgrade heard reports that between 18 and 20 German infantry divisions have been sent to Italy to keep internal order within Italy and to forestall any attempt by the hard-pressed Fascists for a separate peace with Great Britain and Greece.

The observers said the Nazi troops filtered into Italy under cover of most strict military secrecy.

The informants were emphatic in the statement that the German forces involved were infantrymen in spite of Italian denials and Nazi explanations that they were ground crews sent to Italy to service German air units operating from that country. — Associated Press.

SOLDIER IN CHILDREN'S COURT

AFTER APPEARING AT ENFIELD JUVENILE COURT A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD ARMY PRIVATE, ACCUSED OF BEING A DESERTER, WAS REMANDED FOR A MILITARY ESCORT.

He had been brought before the adult court, where his age was given as eighteen. When it was learned that his real age is sixteen he was handed over to the juvenile court.

His mother said her boy had volunteered, giving his age as eighteen. She had sent a copy of his birth certificate to his commanding officer. It was the second time he had run away from the Army.

JAPAN HAS NO "AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS"

Colonel Jiro Salto, new chief of the Japanese military mission in southern French Indo-China, in his first interview since assumption of his duties, told the "Associated Press" that no Nippon garrison troops will arrive in this region "unless there is an outbreak of Far Eastern war which is not likely unless America provokes a conflict."

The colonel, an expert on Siamese military affairs and for a long time a resident of Honolulu, declared: "Japan has no aggressive aspirations southward from here." He added Japanese does not desire to declare war on any country "and thus a Far Eastern war depends upon America's attitude and action in the Far East. America at the present time has a selfish attitude of interfering in Asia and Europe."

The Nippon officer, who termed himself "pro-American," scoffed at reports that Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka while in Berlin may throw over the Axis for a policy of American-British friendship as a result of determined American aid to England. He claimed Japan was seeking a stronger Axis relationship.

Referring to United States aid to Britain, Colonel Salto asked "why should America send sons and sweethearts to fight in an unprofitable European conflict?"

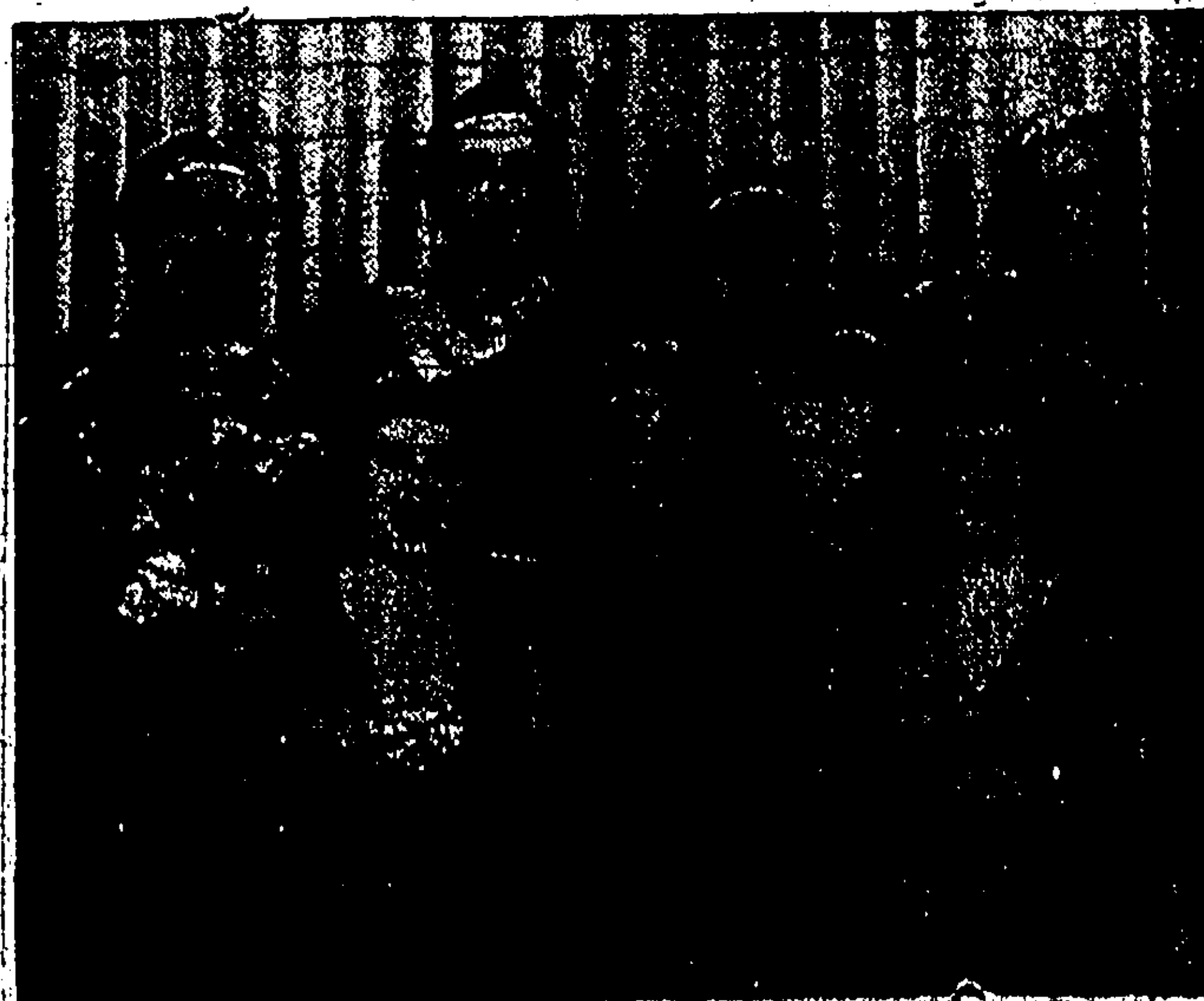
Meanwhile Saigon authorities denied Tokyo reports that the Hanoi French colonial government was preparing to give native Indo-China its independence.

SANDBAGS SLASHED IN THE BLACK-OUT

Sandbag slashing in Cambridge is causing concern to the authorities. Bags of sand which have been tied in pairs to lamp-posts all over the town as part of the fire-fighting precautions have been cut during the black-out and left on the pavement.

In one district more than fifty have been damaged.

In an appeal to the public the Chief Constable, Mr. R. J. Pearson said: "Apart from the risks caused if the sandbags should be required in an emergency, the loose sandbags are an obvious danger to pedestrians and other road users at night."



Modern musical farce comedy is played against ancient Greek backgrounds in the film version of "The Boys From Syracuse." Featured celebrities in the cast include (L. to R.) Charles Butterworth, Martha Raye, Allan Jones, Irene Hervey, Joe Penner, Rosemary Lane and Alan Mowbray. At the Kings.

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WAR PRODUCTION

No one who understands the immensity of the task of turning over industry from a peace to a war basis will have been surprised at Mr. Churchill's recent statement, that Britain is still only a partially armed nation. Under the modern conception of total war a nation is only fully armed when industrial war production reaches a maximum such as to keep fully equipped the largest possible fighting force. The number of men who can profitably be trained to fight is limited by the capacity to equip them adequately. Far more munitions will be needed for, say, 4,000,000 soldiers in this war than for 5,000,000 in the last.

To achieve the desired results requires the most exact organisation of all the major activities of the country. Control at the top is essential, and the people have asked nothing better than that they should be told what each should do in the common cause. From the moment that conscription for the army was adopted it was generally agreed that the same fundamental must be applied to civilians, and that the Government should have power to control property and profits, and the labour of men and women, rich and poor alike.

The machinery to be set in motion was intricate. The fighting services had to decide what equipment they needed. The supply departments placed orders on a gigantic scale with firms capable of adapting their plants. There was immense demand for machine tools and skilled labour. More tools had to be manufactured, more labour trained. Care had to be taken that the rate of production of one part of a weapon kept pace with the rate of production of other parts manufactured in perhaps many other factories.

Registration for service in the Forces has now been followed by the industrial registration of the civilian population by age-groups—that is, by the making of lists of those who may be called on to serve the State in national industry. Compulsion in like manner is applied to employers who, if engaged in vital war work, have no longer the right to dismiss their employees except for misconduct; and the Government has the power, sparingly exercised, to take

New Trend In War

As Axis moves in the Balkans appear to herald the opening of a new campaign, signs begin to multiply that Great Britain is preparing to conduct the struggle on entirely different lines from those adopted in the last war.

That is why any estimate of the outcome at this stage is highly uncertain and why we have at one and the same time Colonel Lindbergh giving technical reasons for Britain's expected downfall, while Wendell L. Willkie furnishes well-authenticated information indicating probable British victory.

The very completeness of the German victories in the first half of last year has enabled Mr. Churchill to discard a line of strategy which Britain followed in 1914 and 1918 and which its leaders clung to tenaciously up to the moment when Mr. Churchill took over the Government.

German occupation of France took away Britain's chief ally, but it also took away one of the most pernicious sources of defeat—the West Front theory.

Scope of Dunkirk

What Mr. Churchill—and Mr. Lloyd George before him—had been struggling to get rid of for nearly a quarter of a century was effectively liquidated for all present purposes at historic Dunkirk. With the disappearance of the West Front myth, Britain becomes united in its strategic outlook, and while the loss of France and the Low Countries is a heavy price to pay, the new unity is an immense asset and likely to take effect in surprising ways during the coming campaign.

This West Front theory—the "billy-goat tactics," as Mr. Lloyd George termed it, "butting away one's strength against unbreakable walls"—was built around the postulate that the war could only be won by defeating Germany in the west and that armed strength should not be frittered away by sending it to other subsidiary fronts.

Strongly advocated by Joffre, Haig, and some of the most influential members of the British and French Governments and services, this theory was responsible for the loss of almost 1,000,000 French and German soldiers during the terrific eight-day German attack on Verdun in February, 1916.

It was responsible for the loss of the flower of Britain's youth—480,000 from schools and universities—in the attack on the German lines at the Somme the following June; for 300,000 more, butting against the German lines at Arras and Messines between April and June in 1917 and 430,000 more in the Flanders mud of Passchendaele the following September.

And for all this tragic cost in men, with tens of millions of shells, and even the whole Messines ridge blown off by long and elaborate mining operations, only a few square miles of territory were gained.

Reversal of Policy

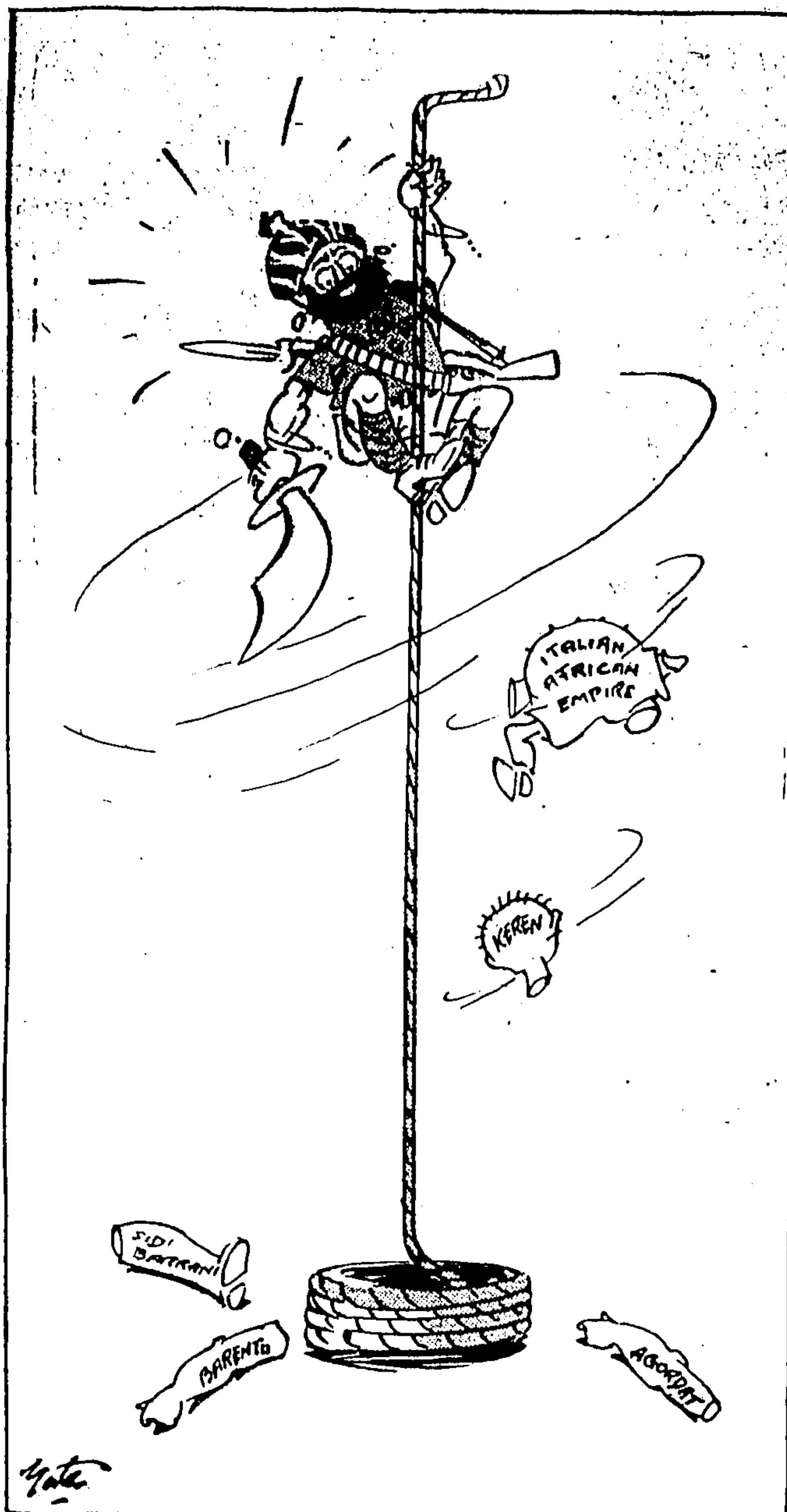
To-day Mr. Churchill reverses the policy—he attacks where the enemy is weak, instead of where the enemy is strong. He may have only a fraction of the men and arms that were assembled on the Allied front in 1916, and 1917, but everything he has is effective.

He may have lost most of the continent, but the continent is a seething mass of discontent and incipient rebellion, so that the German occupation is only partially effective.

Moreover, if he does not control the land, he controls the sea and can uncover the enemy's weak

over and run industrial undertakings.

How far this vast machinery of production has been organised to the best possible advantage cannot yet be fully judged, but there is no doubt that equipment is now coming into production on a scale that is literally enormous.



AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

(Leaving it to Mussolini to try and conjure the pieces together again.)

points with devastating surtness. While the West Front theory gave Britain no advantage from its maritime supremacy, the navy is the key to Britain's policy to-day.

Signor Mussolini, failing to observe this revolutionary change of tactics, and assuming that he had an open lane for supplies to his North African empire launched his attack on Egypt last August, as soon as France had dropped out. To his surprise he found the lane suddenly closed, while the British—instead of blundering along with insufficient men or supplies as they had done at Gallipoli in April, 1915, when the 125,000 "Anzacs" landed to find the Turks, unsurprised and well prepared to meet them—in two months disposed of his army and all Eastern Libya at a cost of less than 1,000 casualties to themselves.

Fascist Fallacy

By a similar miscalculation, when on Oct. 28 the Duce decided to invade Greece, he found that the British, instead of landing an ill-equipped, ineffective force at Salonika—as the Allies had done in 1915, with some idea of proceeding against the Turks—were able to send timely equipment to the Greeks by sea, with an effective air force detachment to supplement their bombing and reconnaissance work.

The net result so far for Britain is two new bases in the central Mediterranean—at Crete and Benghazi—which bid fair to eliminate and prospect of Signor Mussolini's making further claims to control of the Mediterranean.

Heavier tests than these may be expected to face the British at any moment, but so long as the fleet remains intact, there is every reason to suppose that it will proceed to uncover the Nazi weak points, as it has uncovered the Italian—for though the Nazis are an entirely different proposition from the Italian Black Shirts, the vast extent of their conquests may be expected to leave inevitable weak points.

Britain has lost France and Belgium, but she will no longer waste

weeks and months in wrangles between Lloyd George, Haig, Joffre, Millerand and the rest as to what policy to adopt, or between Churchill and Fisher as to whether to force the Dardanelles. She has lost Russia as an ally, but it may well be that effective help to the indomitable and self-reliant little Greece has more value than no help at all from millions of Russian soldiers, who in 1915 and 1916 were impotent because they had no ammunition.

Russian Failure

Every day desperate appeals were being sent from General Yanushkevitch, Chief of Staff of the Grand Duke Nicholas, to the War Minister. "Two or three times a day cartridges are asked for from the fronts, and there are none. My heart is heavy," the unhappy general would plead. Moreover, the Russian people to-day are little likely to be more helpful to the conquering Nazis than the Czechs or Norwegians who are already under the German heel.

From the human standpoint, while Britain is in some ways weaker in political leadership than she was in 1914, yet the Prime Minister who gave General Wavell all the men and equipment he needed for the campaign in Libya—and at the right moment—is the man who above all has been trying to shift Britain's policy from the West Front to the world-wide naval policy.

He is the man who in 1915, as First Lord of the Admiralty, had the enterprise to spend \$70,000 of public money on unauthorised experiments in a field that was no official concern of his—tests with a new contraption subsequently known as the "tank."

Considerations such as these must be thrown into the balance before one can size up the prospects of the war.

In the matter of the imponderables that play so vital a part in the final destiny of human affairs, they mount up to a formidable array—the more so since the new strategy of sea control, unlike the strategy of the West Front makes cooperation from America both easy and effective.

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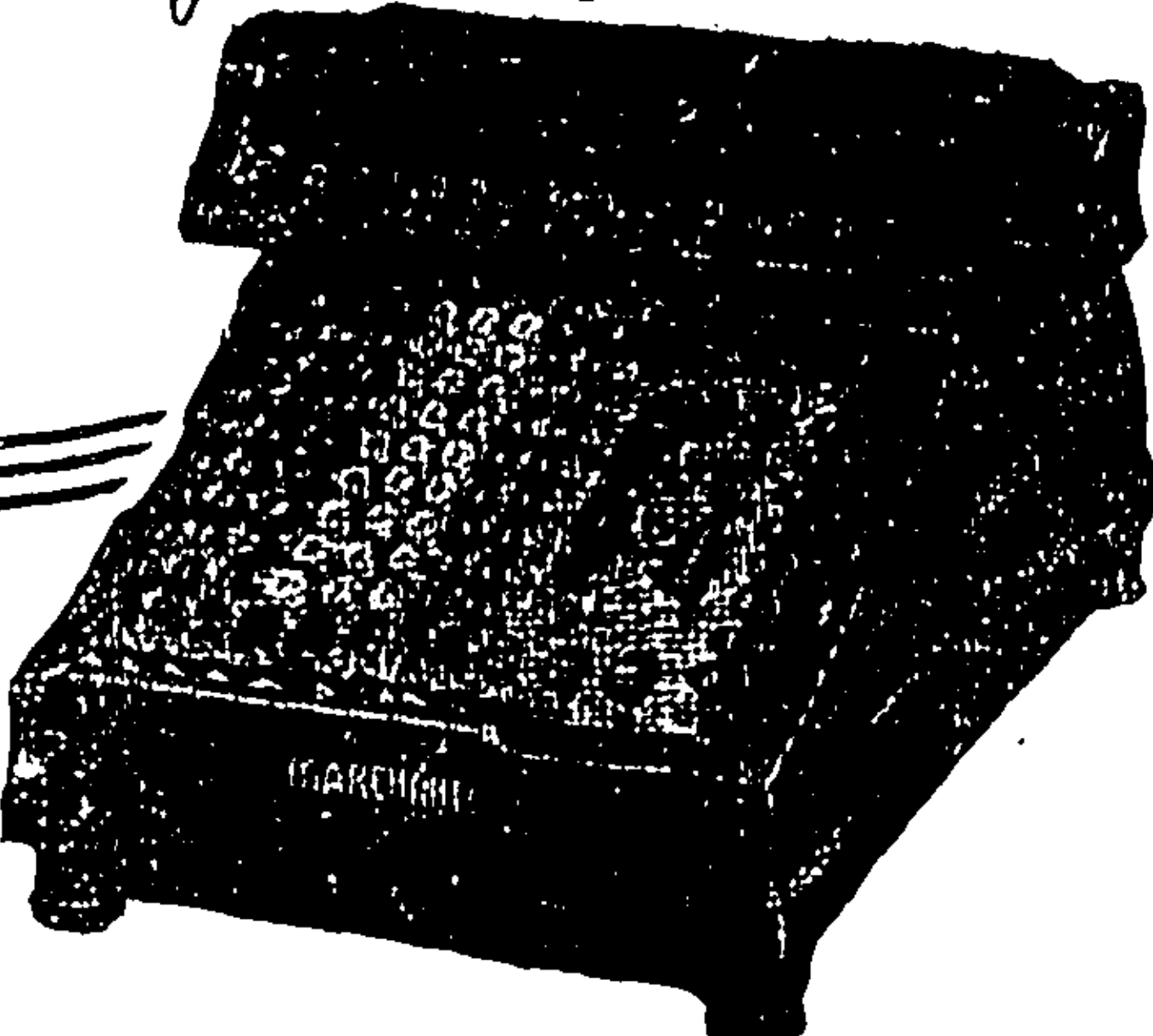
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Irene Hervey (L) with Allan Jones and Rosemary Lane in the cinema version of the George Abbott, Rodgers and Hart stage success, "The Boys from Syracuse." The picture is a modern musical farce with ancient Greek backgrounds. Other notables in the large cast include Joe Penner, Martha Raye, Charles Butterworth, Alan Mowbray, Eric Blore and Samuel S. Hinds. At the King's Theatre.

MR. KNUDSEN ON U.S. 'PLANE PRODUCTION RISE

A TOTAL OF 3,470 high-powered aeroplane engines were delivered by American manufacturers in February, an increase of 343 over the previous month, William S. Knudsen, Director General of the Office of Production Management, said in Washington.

Of this number 2,767 went to the Army and Navy and Great Britain, Mr. Knudsen said, citing the record on aeroplane engines as characteristic of a general increase in defence production.

Mr. Knudsen branded as "stuffed and nonsense" reports that American planes were unsatisfactory to the British in many respects.

"I'm no flier myself," he said, "but they keep taking 'em. That's all I need to know."

Mr. Knudsen answered questions on the defence programme at a press conference.

"What is the situation as to production?" he was asked. "Are things beginning to move now?" He called for a large pin-dotted map of the country.

Move To West

"Every one of those dots is a project started or expanded since last July," Mr. Knudsen said. "You see, we are gradually shoving the dots in this direction."

He indicated the west. "That's what everybody asked us to do, so that is what we are doing."

"In justice to American enterprise, the Army and the Navy and to the people engaged in this effort, I say we are doing something. These pinheads may be just dots to you, but they mean production to me."

Mr. Knudsen said that the shortage of machine tools was still a major problem and added that the labour situation was becoming acute.

Mass Production

He remarked that an inventory of machine tools was being made with a view to finding out where they were located and how they could be used. This is in preparation for a more intensive drive for "farming out" subcontracts by primary contractors, he explained.

He indicated disagreement with at least one phase of the Reuther plan for mass production of planes and engines, that relating to the use of existing automobile plant tools and equipment.

He said that a check-up on the Cadillac plant, which Walter P. Reuther, chief of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), author of the plan, gave as an example, revealed that only 15 per cent of standard equipment could be used for the production of aeroplane engines. Mr. Reuther will make a further study and meet with OPM officials later, Mr. Knudsen said.

"To say you can use existing equipment for making a complete aeroplane engine in an automobile plant is just not so," he said. "I say it just can't be done."

3,500 Engines A Month

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce estimated that the three major aeroplane engine manufacturers would reach a monthly output of 3,500 to 3,700 big engines by July.

That rate would relieve existing engine shortages and provide a small surplus over the number

HUNTING THE SNARK IN THE ATLANTIC

Although ships at sea in war-time avoid using their wireless, states Reuter's Correspondent with the Atlantic Fleet, constant conversation is nevertheless carried on among units of a squadron by signalling lamp.

Recently a cruiser was ordered to oil a destroyer — an operation which is carried out by reducing speed a few knots. The cruiser, which was experiencing some engine trouble, signalled back to the flagship: "I feel like the Bellman, 19th verse, 'Fit first, 'Hunting of the Snark.'"

Although the captain of the flagship and other officers could recite several verses of Lewis Carroll's poem, no one could place the verse in question. A general appeal was sent through the ship for a copy of "The Hunting of the Snark," and within 15 minutes the Commander Engineer mounted the bridge with his finger on the verse:

Navigation was always a difficult art,
There with only one ship and one bell,
And he feared he must really decline for his part
Undertaking another as well.

The oiling operation was handed over to another cruiser, but "The Hunting of the Snark," in another passage, provided an appropriate retort to the first cruiser which had failed to report her engine trouble:—

We should all of us grieve, as you may well believe,
If you never were met with again,
But surely, my man, when the voyage began,
You might have suggested it then.

TRAWLER GOT A BOMBER

"We are in good old England at last! It's like coming home." These were the words of the pilot of a German bomber which was shot down by a trawler off Yarmouth.

The pilot and three others of the bomber crew were captured by two unarmed civilians who were out for a walk.

The bomber, a Junkers 88, had attacked the British trawler Galvami.

So fierce was the trawler's reply that the bomber was hit, caught fire, and made a crash landing on the coast at Hotsy, a village ten miles from Yarmouth. The trawler and its crew were untouched.

One of the bomber crew had an injured leg, and another was burned.

The plane was seen to crash by Mr. H. E. Thain, a shopkeeper and Mr. R. Sadler, his friend.

The two men ran to the machine and saw the crew going towards the sea with a rubber boat, but the Germans stopped when called upon and gave the two men their revolvers.

The pilot, a man of about forty, could speak English. Mr. Thain told a reporter: "He said, 'I had a go at a trawler but the trawler got me first.'"

of engines required for a monthly plane output of 1,500 expected by July.

The chamber based its estimate on a survey of the three big producers, Pratt & Whitney, Wright Aeronautical and Allison.

Is the chamber's July estimate is attained, there will be enough motors each month to power at least 1,500 military planes, ranging from single-engine pursuit craft to four-engine bombers, officials said.

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NORWEGIANS TRAIN FOR A COMEBACK ADVENTURE OF A TANK CREW

(By An American Correspondent)

IN FJORD-LIKE INLETS OF THE PACIFIC NEAR VANCOUVER, HUNDREDS OF NORWEGIAN MILITARY FLYERS RECRUITED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE MAKING READY TO TURN THE TABLES ON NAZI INVADERS OF THEIR NATIVE LAND.

Some are veterans of the fight against overwhelming odds carried on by remnants of the little Norwegian Army and Navy after the German surprise attack almost a year ago. Many came from tankers and whaling ships to help re-establish their nation's independence. Still others who had been living for years in New York and a score of other cities volunteered and came at their own expense to Canada to train as pilots. Several Danes are among their number.

All know that weakness, in air power was one of the principal causes of their country's fall and that strength in the skies will be necessary if it is to rise again. So each day above the fir forests lining the inlet shores the Norwegians are practicing acrobatic and combat manoeuvres in heavily armed Northrop seaplane patrol bombers built at Hawthorne, Calif. and flown here as soon as they roll off the production line.

Will Fly Norway's Colours

These bombers, ordered and paid for by the Norwegian government, now in exile in London, are painted with the insignia of the Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force. They will be shipped abroad soon for service in conjunction with the British Royal Air Force, but under Norwegian colours and command, and with the pilots trained in Canada at their controls.

This correspondent visited the Norwegian training base headquarters, at Jericho Beach, a few miles from Vancouver on Burrard Inlet. The hangars and barracks were lent by the Royal Canadian Air Force, which has a huge administrative and repair base there. On the concrete slipway leading down to the sea, Norwegian ground crews were engaged in beaching and refueling two Northrop bombers which had just returned after long flights.

Inside one of the hangars unusual activities were in progress. On a wooden framework about six feet from the floor a toy-train track was being nailed down in a continuous circuit twenty feet long. When this was finished a Norwegian officer placed on the track an electric engine like those seen in all the department stores at Christmas time and watched while another officer worked an electric switch to cause the engine to make a tour. Sometimes it slowed down suddenly, then speeded ahead.

As soon as it became apparent that the engine could be run without jumping the track on the turns, a model of a Heinkel bomber of the German Luftwaffe, correct in every detail down to the swastika on the tail surfaces, was hung from the engine by a wire. Twenty feet away two young Norwegian pilots drew a bead on the model warplane in their machine-gun sights and as it moved along in mid-air below the wooden framework supporting the toy-train track they attempted to keep their sights trained upon it, no matter what its speed was.

Aim Is To Keep In Trim

Comdr. Oscar R. Remlapp, who was directing the installation of the new training device as commander of the base, explained that its purpose was to keep the sighting eyes and the trigger fingers of his flyers in trim until they were able to exercise both on full-size German aircraft. A young officer in his early thirties, Comdr. Remlapp participated in the campaign against the Nazis as a flyer for the Royal Norwegian Navy, and chose to go to England as an exile at its close rather than live in his own country under the puppet government of Maj. Vidkun Quisling, Norway's Benedict Arnold.

The Norwegian officer grinned at questions concerning the

number and next destination of the air unit. He said:

"How many are we altogether? Some hundreds, call it what you like. More are arriving each day to hasten the time when we can return to the country we think is the most beautiful in the world with assurance that it will be our own and not the land of an invader. The islands, the forests, the skerries and the fjords of the land around Vancouver remind us very much of our southern coast and make us want to be back."

"Our destination? We are bound eventually for a place in the real war zone. When we left Norway not one of us dreamed of training in Vancouver. And when our time is up here and we go abroad perhaps the surprise will be just as great for some of our adversaries."

Only Skilled Flyers At Base

Comdr. Remlapp explained that only the Norwegian navy pilots adjudged to have almost enough skill and experience for combat conditions in Europe were at the Jericho Beach air base. All the elementary training was taking place at another base in Toronto, where Norwegian army pilots also are being turned out. The frozen waterways near Toronto made it impossible for seaplane flying to be carried on during the winter. Comdr. Remlapp explained, so rather than delay even for a few months their training plan, the Norwegian navy men decided to organize an advanced base near Vancouver.

Asked whether reports reaching the United States during the Nazi invasion of Norway concerning widespread sympathy and assistance for the Germans in Norwegian defence circles were true, Comdr. Remlapp replied with a vigorous negative. "I was in Oslo for many months before the Germans came and I know that these reports were not true. All of us in the army and navy were hoping for an English victory even during the darkest hour. The Germans had fifth-column supporters in Norway, yes—many of them—but they were Nazis sent into our country disguised as salesmen, diplomatic agents and tourists, and not Norwegians."

"They simply took us by surprise and trickery. This is proved by the lack of support which the Quisling government has been able to get even with the pressure propaganda of Germany behind it. And we Norwegians will never submit to the German plans for our country, which were revealed when a German officer shortly told a hotel attendant in Oslo, who refused to cringe before his arrogance: 'Are you Norwegians not yet aware that you have no influence in this country?'"

MURDER APPEAL FAILS

The Court of Criminal Appeal has dismissed the appeal of Clifford Holmes, twenty-four-year-old soldier, convicted at Manchester Assizes of the murder of his wife last October while on leave. Holmes shot and stabbed his wife after she had obtained a separation order against him on the ground of cruelty. The only defence raised at his trial was that of insanity.

How terrifying the bombardment of Bardia by the heavy guns of the Fleet really was is attested by the commander of a British infantry tank, who took part in the main assault, was captured, and escaped after a series of amazing adventures.

His tank successfully withstood several direct hits by anti-tank guns after it had entered the perimeter, but then had the first of its guns rendered ineffective by a hit on the turret, then received a shell directly on the front, which shook the whole vehicle, stunned the driver, and broke the electric wiring. This caused a short circuit, which set fire to the batteries and filled the tank with fumes.

Meanwhile the tank was careering on, out of control. The commander decided that the only course was to abandon the vehicle. He opened the cupola. The inrush of fresh air revived the driver, whom the crew were thus able to extract from his seat. On leaving the tank, the whole crew were surrounded and taken prisoner. The commander was taken before two generals, one of whom, from the description, must have been Berganzoli. He first reprimanded the prisoner for not standing to attention, then asked him questions about his unit and the strength of the British tanks, to which the subaltern declined to reply.

He said to the General, however: "If you knock out these tanks, more tanks will come. You had better give in." At this the General bristled with fury.

An attempt was then made to send the prisoners through to Tobruk in a lorry, but this proved impossible because of the British fire. They were confined in a cave on the side of a wadi in the northern sector, where they arrived in time for the bombardment by the 15-inch guns of the Fleet. The subaltern relates that it was the most terrifying experience of his life. He was in fear every moment that the dug-out would collapse under the impact of the heavy shells. He survived however, and on the entry of the British troops into the sector had the satisfaction of leading his captors captive, to the number of more than 1,000.

Courage Beyond Praise

The most formidable problem for the attacking force was a deep wide anti-tank trench, which surrounded the whole system of defences. This was carefully reconnoitred by a tank officer, who accompanied an Australian patrol, climbed into the trench by night, and took exact measurements. A section of the trench was then reconstructed within the British lines and exhaustive experiments made in the best means to clear a way for tanks.

At zero hour a battalion of Australian infantry crossed the trench, cut the wire, and remained covering the sector where the attack was intended, while Australian sappers, working swiftly with picks and shovels as well as explosives, broke down the sides of the trench and made a crossing for the tanks. The courage of these men is beyond praise. It was here that the heaviest casualties were suffered.

Among the defenders of Bardia must be numbered certain minor allies of the Italians. On entering the defences and while searching the dug-outs, the British troops encountered an army of fleas of the most ferocious and the most painstaking type. Their onslaught on our men was so redoubtable that the troops came to the conclusion that they were Mussolini's secret weapon.



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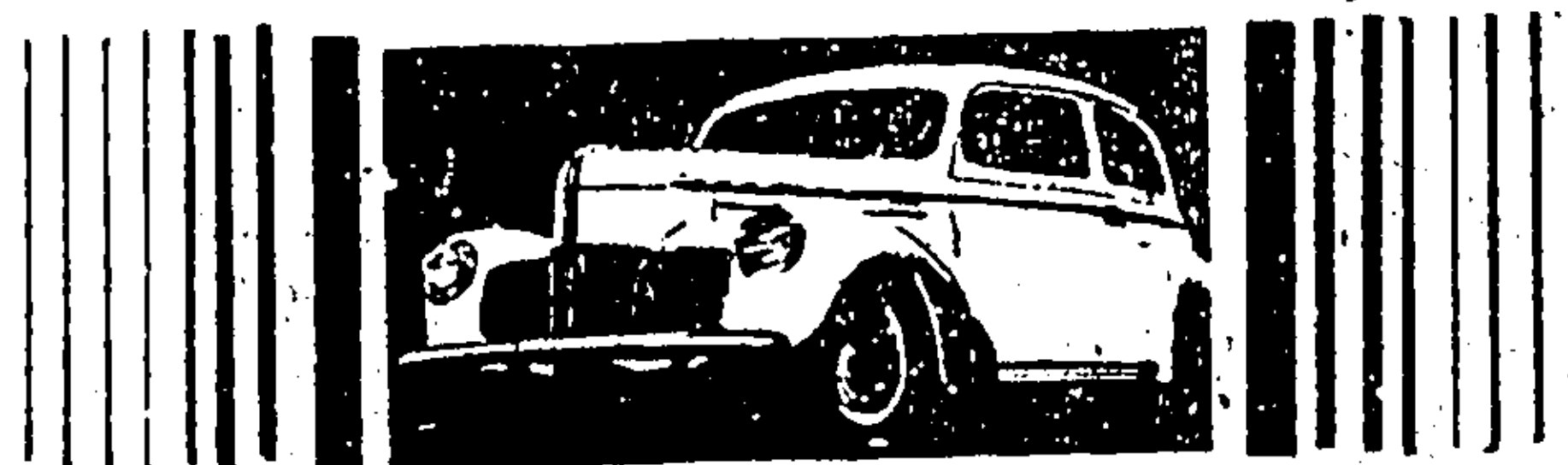
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♠ A Q 2
 ♥ 8 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ A 8 3

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 4 3
 ♣ K Q J 10

♠ K 8 5 3
 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ A K Q J 9
 ♦ K J 9 7
 ♣ 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the King of clubs, and South took the club Ace and drew three rounds of trumps. He was then tempted to finesse the Queen of spades, for if that won, he could finesse diamonds from the dummy and perhaps win even twelve tricks! He awoke from this pleasant pipe dream by considering that losing the spade finesse might lead to the loss of two spades and two diamonds.

With some reluctance, therefore, South gave up his play for overtricks and simply led a low diamond from his hand. West won with the diamond Queen and returned the six of spades, thus giving South one more chance to go wrong. To play the Queen would allow East to take the spade King and return the suit, setting up a second spade trick for West before his Ace of diamonds had been knocked out.

South saw the danger, however, and played dummy's low spade. When East had to put up his King, South conceded a diamond to the Ace and claimed the rest. But South was sure to make his contract even if East had been able to win the spade trick with the Jack. He would then have to return a club or a diamond. South would force out the diamond Ace, put up the spade Ace on West's spade return, and discard dummy's spade Queen on his own fourth diamond.

YESTERDAY you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you held:

♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ K 6 4 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K J 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Maier
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	(1)	

ANSWER: Bid five hearts. On the bidding, your partner should be short of spades. Your hand is sure to fit whether his side strength is in diamonds, or in clubs. Furthermore, you have no assurance that you can defeat four spades, so have no real choice. Score 100% for five hearts, 60% for five clubs, 30% for pass.

Question No. 682

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K 6 4 3
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ Q J 9 3 2
 ♣ 8

The bidding:

Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenker	You
1♥	1♠	2♥	(1)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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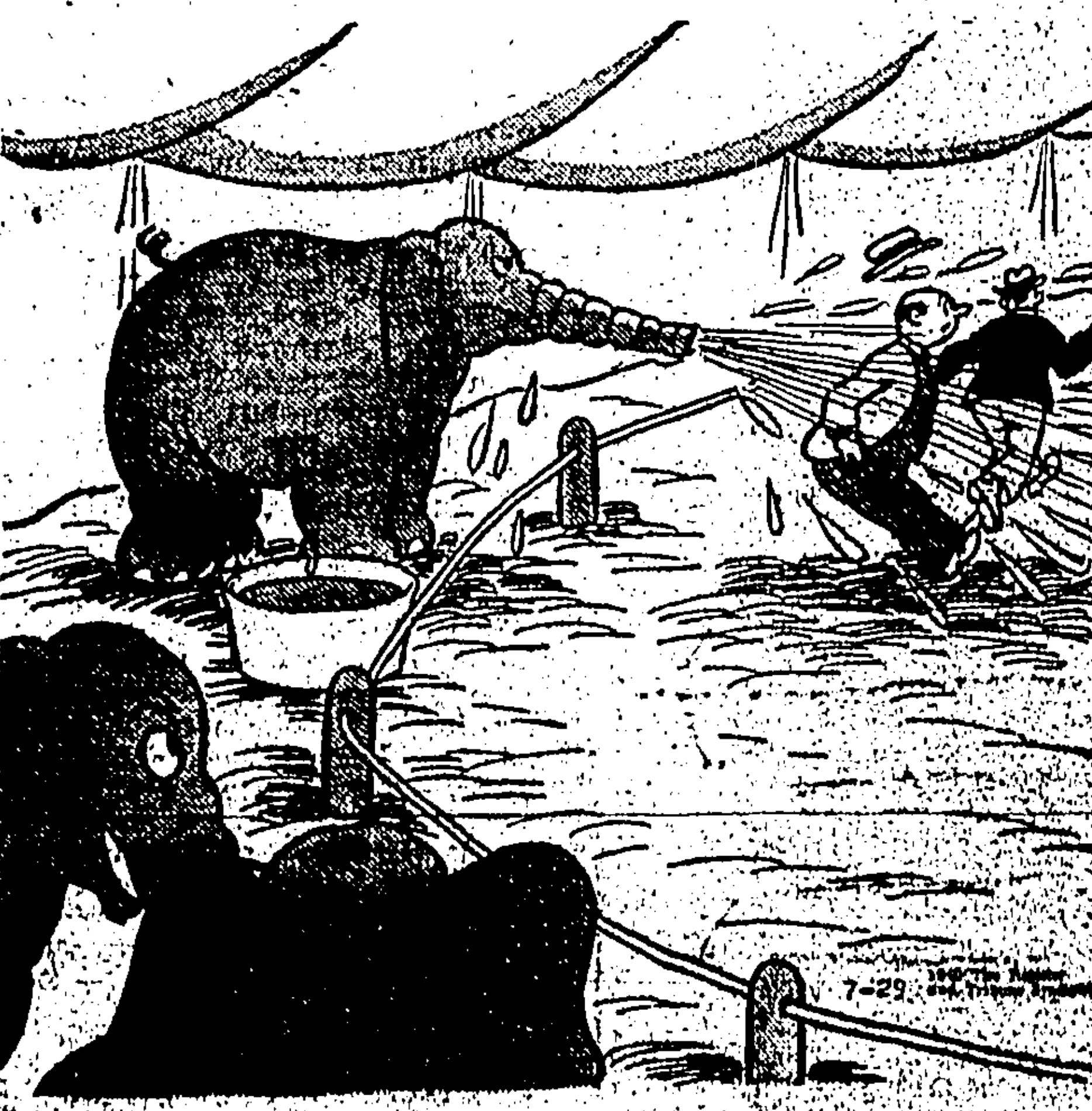
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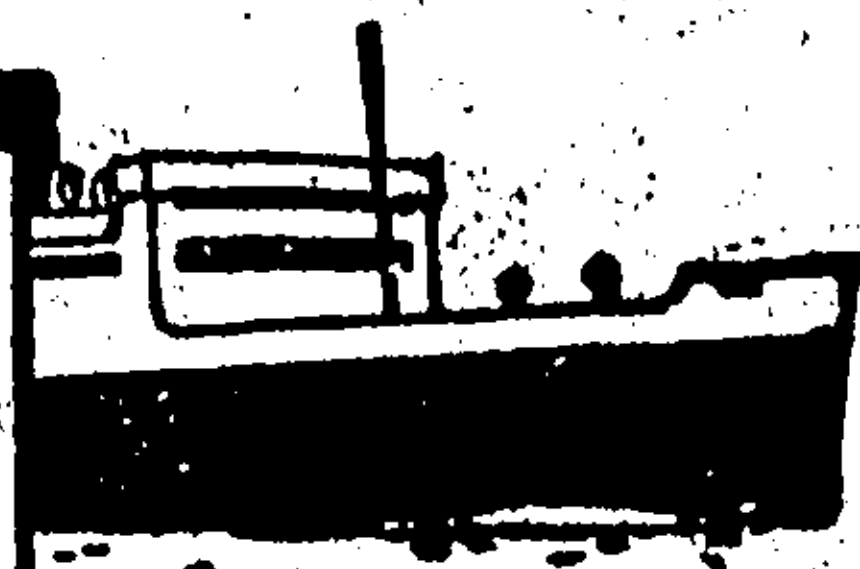


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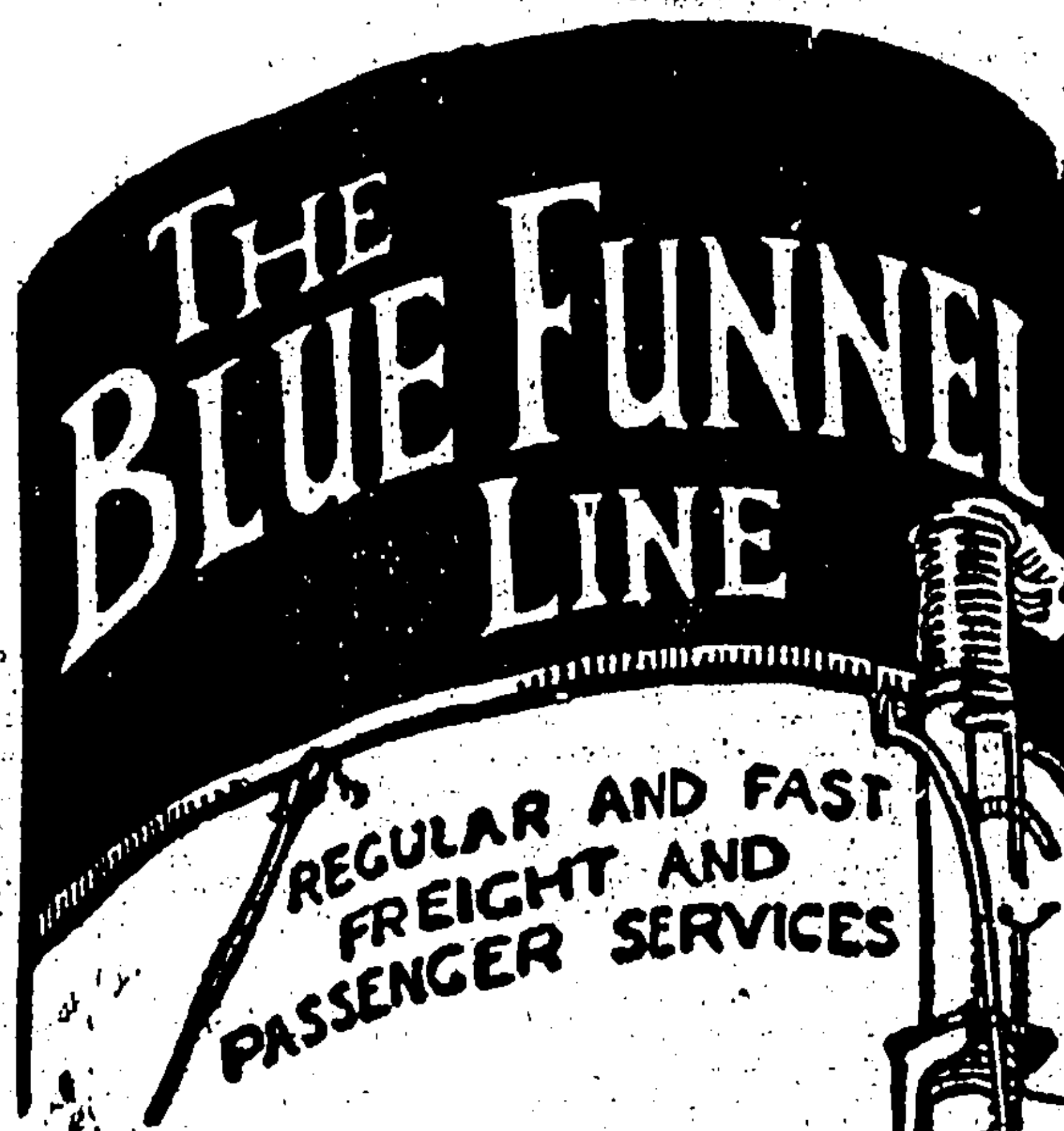
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The s.s. "TUNG ON" will leave Hong Kong on Sunday morning at 8.00 a.m., returning from Macao on Monday, at 3.00 a.m.

RACE NO. 1. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The opening race of the day is for first section of "E" Class China ponies and, from the entries, Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should have little difficulty in winning, although Dow-Jones (Mr. S. L. Yuen) will have to be reckoned with on account of its win in the Dublin Handicap over the same distance at Fanling at the last meeting. National Success, which failed to place at Fanling when it was made favourite, may do better on Sunday with Mr. B. L. Tao, its stable jockey, up, while Matarador (Mr. S. C. Liang) is also capable of extending the above ponies if on form.

I nominate Piet Hein to win, however, with Dow-Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class China ponies will figure in this event. Sports Venture, for its win in the Szechuen Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting in Macao, has been penalised by 7 lb. It will again be taken out by Mr. J. Nolasco, a fast improving novice jockey of the Macao Colony, who will have 5 lb. allowance, so that it will actually be carrying only 2 lb. more on Sunday. I think it has a good chance of winning again, although Gallant Marshal (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was third in the above race, with a 5 lb. reduction in weight since they last met, may extend it.

New Bedford (Mr. L. B. Chao) is quite a speedy animal, but I have little information regarding its current form.

I nominate Sports Venture to take first place, with Gallant Marshal second and New Bedford third.

RACE NO. 3. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race for "E" Class China ponies and, on the strength of its last win in the Szechuen Handicap (Third Sec-

tion) at Macao when carrying 150 lb. with Mr. Nolasco up, I see no reason why National Anthem, with 3 lb. less on account of the 5 lb. allowance for the novice jockey, should not secure another win. It should, however, receive stern opposition from Black Diamond (Mr. W. N. Yeh) the second pony in the above race, which will be running on equal terms as against the 4 lb. it was conceding when it was defeated by a length.

Cuban Love (Mr. K. I. Ip), with another 7 lb. off in weight, should again be placed, while Mac's Adventure (Mr. Chao), which has been demoted from the second section, should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

National Anthem should win, with Black Diamond second and Cuban Love third, leaving Mac's Adventure a possible for an upset.

RACE NO. 4. THE LINGNAN HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS

This race will be contested by "D" Class China ponies and, in view of the short distance, the thing to do will be to look for sprinters. In my opinion the finish will be fought out between Blue Field (Mr. Chao), Lovey Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying).

Lovely Star, which came in second to Eve of Peace in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys on the second day of the Annual Meeting, has a good chance of winning its first race in Macao as it is noted for its speed over this distance. It will, however, have Night Express to reckon with as this pony came in third in the Kowloon Plate over the mile at the Valley at the last meeting and is also fast.

Blue Field is now very fit and is capable of causing an upset, which, however, I do not anticipate just yet.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Night Express second and Blue Field third.

RACE NO. 5. THE LUNG CHEN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be for "Y" Class China ponies, which have started at a race meeting during 1940. On the result of this race the big \$1.00 sweep depends.

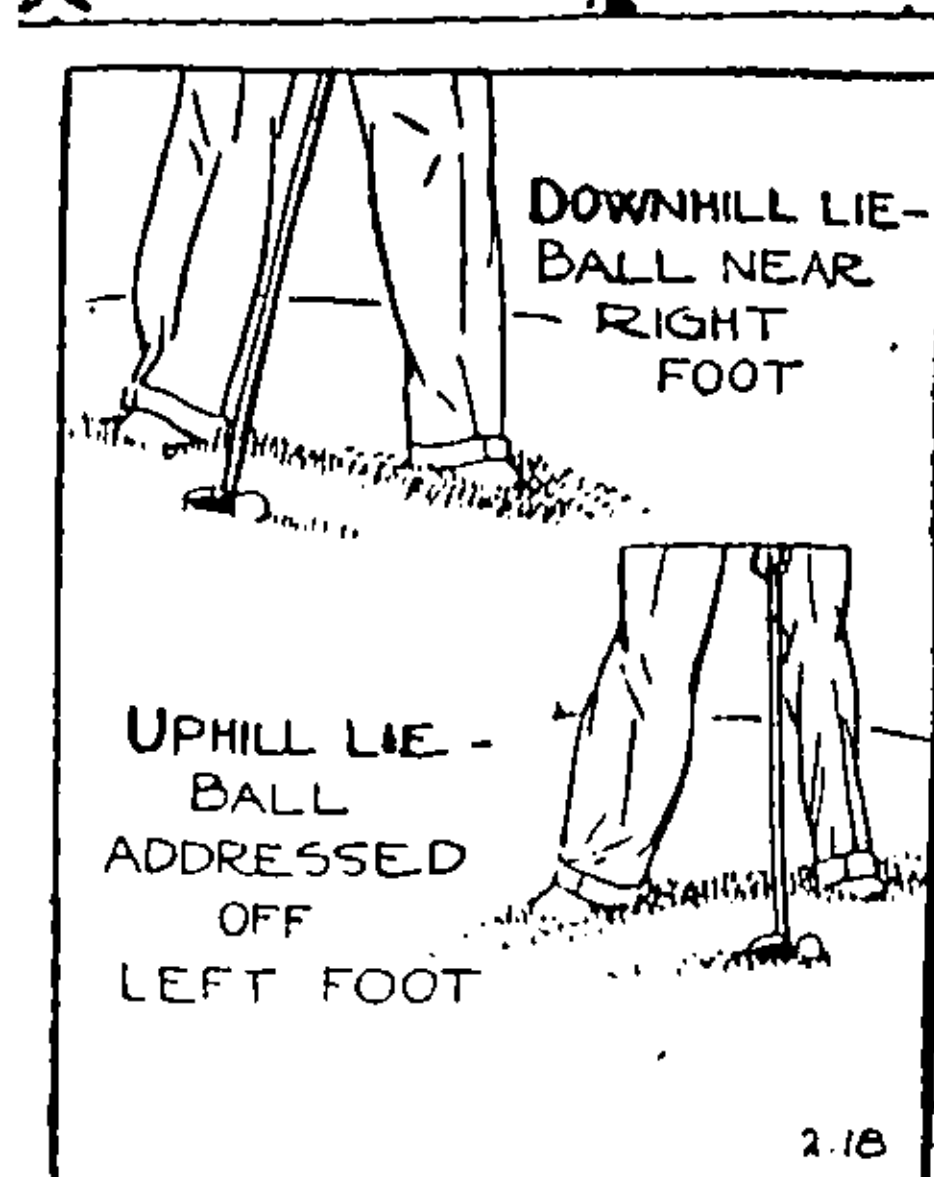
Fairy Ousel (Mr. Wei) won the Chung Hwa Handicap over this distance at the January meeting and has been penalised by 7 lb. but, as it won comfortably on that occasion, I don't think the extra weight will prevent it from winning again. It should be sternly opposed by Shanghai 4 (Mr. K. Kwok), which was second in this same race, as it will have an advantage of 10 lb. Meadow Eye (Mr. S. W. Pan) was a disappointment in the Chung Hwa Handicap, although it came in third. It should do better this time with an allowance of 4 lb. from Fairy Ousel. Fairy Auk should do well if taken out by an experienced jockey.

Fairy Ousel is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eye third.

RACE NO. 6. THE SHEKKI PLATE: SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race of the day and novice jockeys will be given mounts on "X" Class China ponies that have not won more than \$100 in stakes since January 1, 1941. The Spirit of St. Louis (Mr. Nolasco) won the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting last year, and on that performance alone should account for this race. It is far superior to the others entered. Only opposition of enlance should come from The Mermaid (Mr. Yeh), while other ponies that may cause upsets are Iron Knight (Mr. Lo Kwong-toi) and National Triumph (Mr. K. Kwok).

GRAPHIC GOLF



Uphill-Downhill

By BEST BALL

Rolling terrain on golf courses presents many occasions when the ball must be played from an uphill or downhill lie. Balance is essential in both instances and for the uphill lie, this is best maintained by having the ball located off the left foot using a normal stance. A slight bend in the left knee, keeps the body on even keel, similar to knee action in a motor car. During the backswing an effort must be made to keep a measure of weight on the left foot as this guards against the tendency to fall away from the ball, a not unnatural reaction under the circumstances.

On downhill lies the ball is located nearer the right foot. This position plus the use of a more lofted club than usual under similar distance requirements, will tend to get the ball into the air. It is essential that the player make certain of following through, keeping the clubhead travelling as close to the ground as possible.

Next Article:—The Backstroke.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—

AT RECREIO Junior Singles

P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (8 p.m.)
A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (9 p.m.)

Senior Doubles

C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (8.30 p.m.)

Joe Louis tells one on himself. A Negro bootblack was doing a good job on a customer's shoes when the customer inquired: "What do you think about Joe Louis making those stump speeches for the Republicans?" "Just what you could expect," replied the bootblack. "Dom millionaires always stick together."

Until he caught up with Henry Armstrong, Fritzie Zivie had to fight to eat, which is why this start against Al Davis at Madison Square Garden recently was his 14th of the year.

Taking everything into consideration, however, I fancy The Spirit of St. Louis to win with The Mermaid second and National Triumph third.

VOLUNTEERS' FINE SHOWING IN H.K.R.A. MACHINE-GUN MATCH

A FAIRLY HIGH standard prevailed at Kowloon City Rifle Range yesterday, the rifle meeting being continued in favourable weather.

For the first time in history, it is understood, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has placed in the machine-gun match, their Team 1 being runners-up to Team 1, of 5/7th Rajputana Regiment.

Apart from their winning this event, Rajputana Regiment also carried off the honours in the services team revolver match with a total of 442 points, beating their nearest rivals, 1st Bn., Middlesex Regiment, by a single point.

M'Sex. Success

The Company match was won by "C" Company, 1st Bn., Middlesex Regiment, when they scored 342 points to beat H.M.S. Tamar, who came second, by 16 points, while their "H.Q." Company won the platoon match with a score of 321 points.

Lance-Corporal Allo, of Royal Engineers, led the list of 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle championship.

Several competitors, who scored similar points on Wednesday in the deliberate competition, will fire off this morning.

Following were yesterday's results with scores in brackets:—

Machine-Gun Match:—1, Team 2, 5/7th R.R. (169); 2, Team 1, H.K.V.D.C. (147); 3, Team 1, 5/7th R.R. (115); 4, Team 1, 1st Bn. Mdx. (98); 5, "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (91); 6, Team 2, H.K.V.D.C. (69); 7, Team 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (60) and 8, "D" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (42).

Services Team Revolver Match:—1, 5/7th R.R. (442); 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (441); 3, 2nd Bn. R.S. (386); 4, H.M.S. Tamar, (374) and 5, Corps of Military Police (372).

Company Match:—1, "C" Company, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, (342) and 2, Royal Marines, Tamar, (326).

Platoon Match:—1, "H.Q." Coy. 1st Mdx. (321); 2, H.M.S. Tamar, (309); 3, 5/7th Rajput Regiment

(3), (308); 4, 5/7th Rajputs Regiment (1), (302); 5, "H.Q." Coy. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, (288); 6, 5/7th Rajput Regiment (2), (279); 7, 1st Middlesex "C" Company, (277) and 5/7th Rajput Regiment (4), (277); 8, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "C" Company 14 Platoon, (269); 9, 1st Middlesex "A" Company, (262); 10, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "B" Coy. 12 Platoon, (238); 11, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (235); 12, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "A" Coy. 9 Platoon, (213); 13, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "D" Coy. 17 Platoon, (212) and 15, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (211).

Association Service Rifle Championship:—1, L/Cpl. Allo, R.E. (48); 2, Sgt. Cole, R.M. (46); 3, Sgt. Sargent, H.K.P. (44); 4, Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P. (41); 5, Cpl. Langford, 1st Mdx. (41); 6, Sgt. Rushman, R.M. (39); 7, W.O. Tolison, R.A.F. (38); 8, L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. (38); 9, Cpl. Gash, R.A.F. (37); 10, Sgt. Griffith, R.M. (37); 11, Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P. (37); 12, Mne. Croft, R.M. (37); 13, Mne. Richardson, R.M. (36); 14, Cpl. Henley, R.A.F. (32); 15, Sgt. Priddy, 1st Mdx. (31); 16, Sgt. Booth, 2nd R.S. (29); 17, Piper Stewart, 2nd R.S. (27); 18, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Mdx. (22); 19, Pte. Buller, 1st Mdx. (20) and 20, Pte. Sturges, 1st Mdx. (18).

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Interesting Match On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

K. H. IP, the South China champion of the last two seasons, seen for the first time by a surprisingly large crowd on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, gave an excellent display against former champion, Tsui Wai-pui, in the Colony singles championship, although he lost in straight sets.

Tsui won 6-4, 6-4.

It is probable that Tsui Wai-pui, having taken the measure of his opponent in the first three games, did not take matters thereafter as seriously as he might have done, but nevertheless there were numerous occasions when Ip executed well-planned coups with the finesse of a veteran.

NO MAJOR TITLES FOR WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA

It has been long a thorn among the roses of sunny California that in spite of the sun-kissed fairways inviting golfers to practice their games from dawn to dusk, Summer and Winter, no woman star from the land of brightness has ever won a national golf championship, writes Maureen Orcutt from Los Angeles.

California has produced many great champions of national and international fame in tennis, notably the Misses Alice Marble, Miss Helen Jacobs, Mary K. Browne and Helen Wills, to mention a few, but California's best women golfers have never been able to annex the coveted national trophy.

Indeed, only two Californians have reached the final round, namely Miss Dorothy Traung of San Francisco, who in her first national at Whitemarsh in 1934 gained the last round only to succumb to Miss Virginia Van Wie, and Mrs. L. D. Cheney of San Gabriel, who went to the final in 1929 at Oakland Hills, Detroit, only to bow before Mrs. Edwin H. Vare.

California's Big Chance

However, the forty-fourth annual women's amateur golf championship likely will see the greatest crown in women's golf adorning the brow of one of the top players in the State of California. This should result, if for no other reason than out of the heavy entry expected a great majority will be from the home State, when the field tees up over the Pebble Beach course.

Certainly, Miss Betty Jameson, 20-year-old defender from San Antonio, Texas, who first won this honour in 1939 at Wee Burn, will face the stiffest kind of opposition on the shores of the Pacific. Perhaps her strongest, and surely her spunkiest opponent, in case they meet, will be 19-year-old Elizabeth Hicks of the Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena, who bewailed at Wee Burn that she had lived so long and never had won the national.

Even then she did reach the semi-final, a fact which amazed some of her opponents, but not Elizabeth. She is nothing, if not sure of herself, and her ability to hit lengthy drives from the tee in spite of her five foot nothing height, brought loud praise from the galleries at Wee Burn, who also thought it "cute" that the Long Beach entrant should turn her back on her opponents on the putting greens.

Taking Things For Granted

When informed at Wee Burn that her morning opponent on the day in which two matches were contested was a slow player and a very good one, Miss Hicks exclaimed: "But when I beat Betty I will have time for my

There were several glaring shortcomings in his game and at the outset he was obviously nervous, while at crucial moments he was apt to make foolish errors, but these lapses can be attributed to lack of experience which time should do much to eradicate.

Fine Forehand

Ip's forehand drive was his most profitable stroke yesterday. Hit cross-court into his opponent's forehand corner, it was a difficult shot to return and at no time was Tsui able to deal with it with his usual confidence. His sliced drive down the sideline was also a good shot, the ball running away after hitting the ground and keeping very low. On the backhand he showed a definite weakness and was quite unable to attack on this wing.

Ip, on the occasions that he took the forecourt, volleyed crisply and accurately, while overhead he really hit the ball when he could reach it comfortably.

It was noticeable, however, that when hurried, Ip was often at a loss. His lobbing was not very accurate and his backhand insufficiently powerful to permit a passing shot.

Nevertheless he never gave up trying and his plucky attempts to return some of Tsui's best efforts won the acclaim and sympathy of the crowd.

Definitely maintaining the promise of his earlier match against Ho Ka-lau, Ip is without doubt the most promising newcomer to the tournament for many seasons—this year is the first time he has appeared.

Tsui's game is very much the same as it was last year. He made his usual quota of inexplicable errors and, when he so desired, the inevitable winner.

His service shows little improvement and in his first service game he was guilty of no fewer than three double-faults.

Until he is seen against either of the Rumjahn, probably the only players in Hong Kong for whom he has any great respect, it will be hard to form a definite opinion as to how well he really is playing.

Opportunity Missed

In the first set Ip led 2-1, was led 5-2, and lost 6-4, and the second set was almost identical. He had a great chance of levelling at 5—all in the second set, when he led 40-30 on service at 4-5, but he then put up a double fault and Tsui made no further mistake.

In the later stages there were some brilliant rallies with both

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second round if she's so slow?" Miss Hicks is not, of course, unbeatable by any means, as she discovered when a comparatively unknown young matron, Mrs. James Ferrie of Flintbridge, eliminated her from the California State championship earlier this season and went on to wear the crown.

Great things are expected of Miss Cibra, Callender of Long Beach, who learned her excellent game on the Pebble Beach layout. Clara, who is in her early twenties, holds the women's record of 74 for this difficult course along waters of the blue Pacific, where Bobby Jones had the unique experience of losing in the first round to Johnny Goodman, who was then a determined contender.



TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is today's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

A. Crawford v. George Choa (4); I. M. A. Razack v. S. A. Rumjahn (5); M. Pugh v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (-3/6) v. R. E. Guest (15.1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) or H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) (3).

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Following is the Colony tennis championship programme for next week:—

Monday

Open Doubles

George Choa and A. V. Remedios v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

Club Championship

H. J. Armstrong v. M. Pugh (8).

Club Handicap Singles

T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) (1).

Club Handicap Doubles

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (4).

Tuesday

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (3).

Wednesday

Open Singles

A. Crawford or George Choa v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court); Pang Oi-lam, v. M. Pugh or H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); C. H. R. Oxlade (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest (-15.1) or F. W. Carter (-1/6) (7).

Club Handicap Doubles

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (15.1) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (-1/6) or A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (3).

Thursday

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui or W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yam-pui (Stand Court).

Club Championship

T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (6).

V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter (7).

men returning virtual winners, and throughout, the tennis was always interesting to watch.

OTHER RESULTS

Other results were as follows:—

Club handicap doubles—F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2; 6-0. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Elyth beat D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop 6-2; 6-3.

Club mixed doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet 6-3; 6-0.

Hazelwood

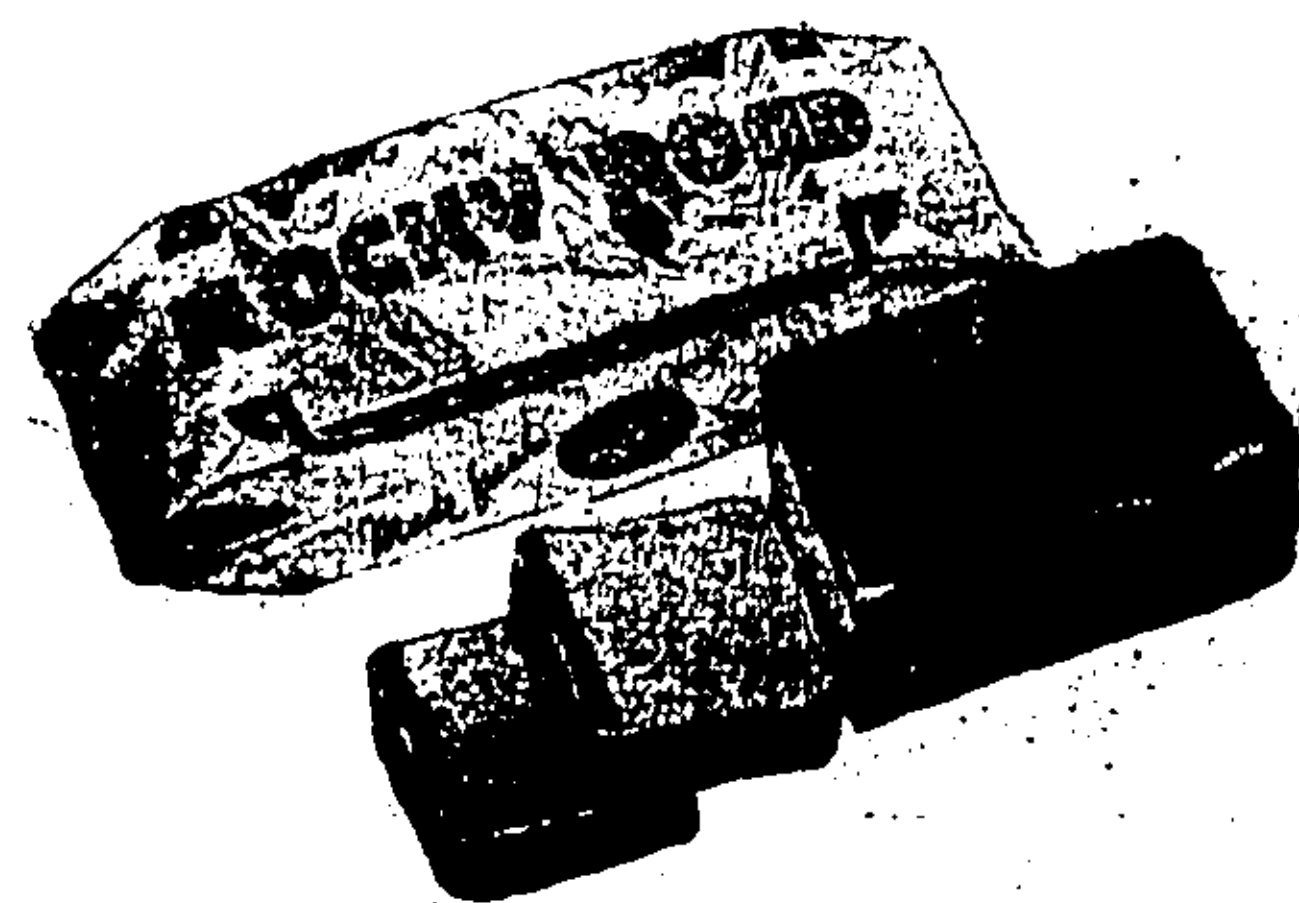
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LEASE AND LEND WILL NOT AFFECT EXCHANGE NEEDS

EFFECT OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S EXPORT POLICY WAS DEALT WITH BY THE EARL OF LYTTLETON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Britain, he said, needs more supplies of every kind from the United States.

The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lease and Lend Act provides for continued supplies of essential goods.

Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is a contribution of first rate importance to our cause.

That was one reason why the British Government still regarded it as a necessity for Britain to maintain and extend its exports to the United States and continues to give every assistance to that trade.

Response Of Buyers

The extent to which this purpose could be achieved of course depended largely on the response of buyers in the United States, and he trusted they would continue to ask for our products.

Experience would, he thought, have demonstrated to them our ability to produce and deliver goods and maintain their traditional high quality. (Cheers).

Freer Exchange

Replying to a further question, suggesting modifications in the law relating to holdings and use of dollar currency by Britons in the United States and a freer exchange of currency between Bri-

tain and the United States, Capt. Brooksbank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasised that in spite of the passage of the Lease and Lend Act our overseas commitments to be met in gold or dollars remained very large.

It therefore remained essential to our war effort that our exchange resources should be conserved to the maximum degree and the exchange control regulations strictly complied with by all concerned.—Reuter.

RACE AGAINST THE RAINS

(Continued from Page 11) about 150 miles from Addis Ababa. Reports are still current that the possibility of Italian capitulation cannot be ruled out. It is rumoured, for instance, that the Duke of Aosta has asked General Wavell for his conditions of surrender.

Many Prisoners Taken
A LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ERITREA AND MANY MORE ARE BEING ROUNDED UP.

A considerable number of guns and much war material was also captured at Asmara. Operations are continuing south-west from Asmara.

British forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, in Libya. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces.—Reuter.



R.A.F. personnel landing in Greece from a British warship, drawn up on the quay at the port of Athens, watched by Greek dock officials and sailors. (Copyright, Fox).

EIRE'S PROTEST TO REICH

Eire has suffered from Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Premier, revealed in the Dail yesterday.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel has been sunk and three others attacked.

In all cases the aircraft had been identified as German, and the Eire charge d'affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate urgent representations to the United States, to remove the restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr. de Valera replied that such representations were made at an early stage in the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RELEASE LIGHTERS

Just 24 hours after their detention, the Japanese naval authorities in Shanghai yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 500 tons of general merchandise, according to the "North China Daily News."

The merchandise was consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hong Kong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer "Helen Moller."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

Their release is reported to have followed discussions between the foreign consuls concerned and the competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting Chinese sources, the newspaper says the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The rough census taken by the A.R.P. Department recently shows a population (not including residents in the New Territories) just under a million and a half. Following are the aggregate figures obtained:

Hong Kong:	709,294
Kowloon:	581,431
Floating:	154,000
Total:	1,444,725

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MATSUOKA TRIP A FLOP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A high authority on Japanese affairs in London told International News yesterday that Hitler's plan to extend the Axis from the North Sea to the Pacific has failed.

It is most improbable, he declared, that Hitler will now be able to use Japan as cat's-paw for action in the south Pacific against Britain or to embroil Japan in war with the United States in Hitler's own interest.

The authority stated that Mr. Matsuoka's trip has proved a complete failure.

HE ADDED THAT THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN RECALLED TO REPORT PERSONALLY TO THE EMPEROR AND IS RETURNING "WITH A GRAVE LOSS OF FACE."

Rome Idea Differs

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Rome newspaper "Messaggero" declared yesterday that "an extension of the war may result from Japan's absolute need for a timely and radical change in the Pacific situation which would be created by the transfer of the United States Fleet to Singapore."

"Japan must act quickly to assure herself of vital supplies from the East Indies and to prevent the enemy from possessing air and naval bases threatening Japanese supplies." — International News Service.

IF WAR SHOULD COME TO U.S.

THE UNITED STATES "NEWS MAGAZINE" DECLARES THAT THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON VIEW THE CRISIS AND END ACT AS A COMMITMENT BY THE UNITED STATES TO SEE BRITAIN THROUGH TO EVENTUAL VICTORY.

It declares should suddenly become war, the United States is far better prepared than the publication states, and could out-match any combination of enemies in potential military strength in actual naval strength. — Reuters.

Evacuation Of Belgrade Hinted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EXCITEMENT MOUNTS HOURLY IN BELGRADE AS PREPARATIONS CONTINUE TO MEET ANY SUDDEN BLOW BY THE AXIS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE SO BEFOGGED BY GERMAN NERVE-WAR PROPAGANDA TACTICS THAT HOPES OF A COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE NOT ENTIRELY DISAPPEARED.

The grave view taken of the outlook by the Simovitch Cabinet is, however, indicated by a series of important steps, including the despatch of Yugoslav troops with full war equipment to every frontier.

At the same time, the Yugoslav Government has requested all foreign diplomats to move to a summer resort 125 miles to the south of Belgrade in case it becomes necessary to evacuate the Yugoslav capital.

Belgrade itself has been declared an open town, strengthening the belief that war with Germany is inevitable, if not imminent.

The veteran General Bozovitch has been recalled from retirement to take over the post of Inspector-General of the Army.

Axis Inconsistent

Meanwhile the Axis tactics and comments are inconsistent, which is suggestive that Rome and Berlin still hope for success from their war of nerves.

IN ROME YESTERDAY FOR INSTANCE, VIRGINIO GAYDA, GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR SIGNOR MUSSOLINI, DECLARED THAT THE YUGOSLAV "PROVOCATION" GIVES THE AXIS COMPLETE LIBERTY OF ACTION NECESSARY FOR DEFENCE.

In Belgrade at the same time, a spokesman of the Italian Legation was saying: "We are not losing hope as long as the Rome-Belgrade negotiations continue and they are continuing."

Importance Minimised

In Berlin, it was admitted at the Wilhelmstrasse that the entire German Legation staff in Belgrade, except the Charge d'Affaires and the Military Attache, had been ordered to return to Berlin, but it was insisted by the German authorities simultaneously that too much significance should not be attached to the withdrawal order.

Another startling report lacking confirmation, and probably emanating from Axis sources, to serve as further pretext for action against Yugoslavia, alleged the arrival in Yugoslavia of a large contingent of British military planes and pilots.

German Strength

Ankara radio reported yesterday that Germany has 600,000 troops ready for action in the Balkans. Military experts, however, consider that this number

is insufficient for a simultaneous attack on Greece and Yugoslavia, says Ankara radio.

German forces in the Balkans are divided as follows — 8 to 10 divisions on the Austrian frontier — 10 divisions on the Bulgarian frontier — 10 divisions on the Rumanian frontier and between 4 and 5 divisions on the Hungarian frontier.

Against this army, Yugoslavia can immediately place 32 first-line divisions in the field, while the British have already between 10 to 12 divisions in Greece, which will possibly be increased in the future.

Greece can put 4 to 5 divisions on her eastern frontiers without weakening her position in Albania.

It was announced yesterday that the Croat leader, Dr. Matchek, has postponed till to-day his trip to Belgrade from Zagreb to join the Yugoslav Cabinet "in order to avoid demonstrations." — International News Service.

Black-Out Warning

Belgrade has been declared an open town announced Belgrade radio last night.

Following the declaration the population have been warned that a black-out may be enforced at any moment, the announcer added.

Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, is leaving Zagreb for Belgrade where he will join the Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier, confident that every effort will be made to preserve peace.

In an interview, Dr. Matchek said: "I consider it my duty to do all I can to maintain peace for the supreme benefit of humanity, and I have a profound conviction that the present leaders of Serbia and the people of Serbia are as sincerely for peace as I am." — Reuters.

ITALO-AMERICAN RELATIONS NEAR BREAKING-POINT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The formal demand for the recall of the Italian naval attache in Washington has brought Italo-American diplomatic relations closer to breaking point, it was declared in Washington yesterday. — International News Service.

NIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Some enemy activity round the British coasts was reported yesterday but few hostile aircraft flew inland.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties when aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast.

Shortly afterwards an enemy plane was shot into the sea by fighters.

An enemy bomber attempting to attack shipping off the south-west coast yesterday was also shot down.

One of our fighters is missing, states the Air Ministry.

London had no alert up to a late hour last night but enemy aircraft were believed to be over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west and west country areas and a town in South Wales. — Reuters.

SOLDIERS MAKE TAKE OVER PLANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE U.S. SECRETARY FOR WAR, MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, HINTED YESTERDAY THAT THE ARMY MAY TAKE OVER THE ALLIS CHALMERS PLANT WHERE WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE AND OPERATE THE FACTORY WITH SOLDIERS. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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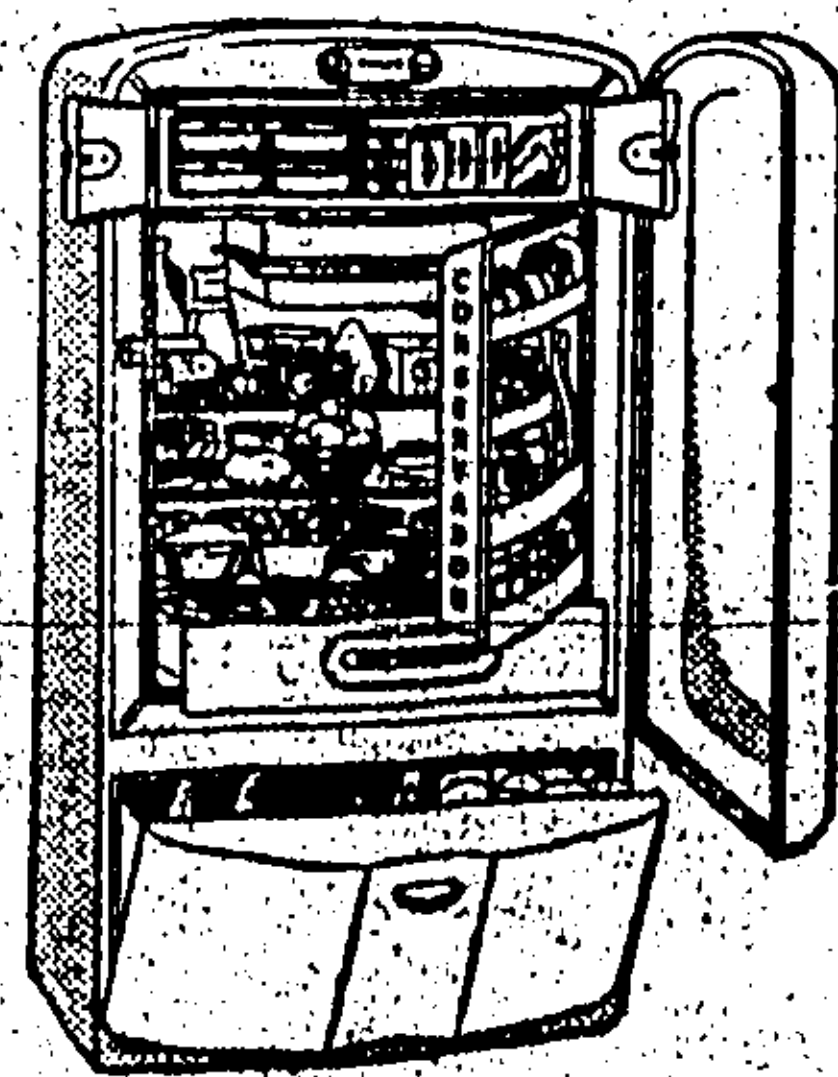
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Count Teleki's Suicide Due To German Pressure

EFFORT TO FORCE RUPTURE WITH YUGOSLAVS

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

COUNT TELEKI, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is Hungary's first victim under the Axis Pact. He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task."

This burden was entirely due to German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugoslavia. One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugoslavia, removing the causes of the political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between vassal Hungary and independent and spirited Yugoslavia, and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, has felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face.

He has taken a way out that seemed to him easier. **THERE ARE MANY POLITICIANS IN BUDAPEST WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TOOLS OF GERMANY BUT ADMIRAL HORTHY IS ALSO A MAN OF INDEPENDENT MOULD AND HIS CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR TO COUNT TELEKI MAY DELAY IF IT DOES NOT CIRCUMVENT GERMAN PLANS.**

Bulgarians Too

Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their pact of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia, are similarly being dragged into opposition.

The Bulgar-Serb rapprochement was a very real thing and

had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans. The Germans will not find it easy to poison relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

Shot Through Head

A Budapest dispatch to Vichy states that Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol.—Reuter.

INDIA REJOICES AT KEREN VICTORY

The Bengal Assembly in Calcutta yesterday adopted a resolution submitted by the Premier conveying rejoicings to the King at the capture of Keren and Harrar and the warmest congratulations to the Indian soldiers and other Imperial troops for their conspicuous gallantry.—Reuter.

COUNT TELEKI'S SUCCESSOR

The Hungarian Premiership, left vacant by the suicide of Count Teleki, has been offered by the Regent, Admiral Horthy, to Laszlo de Bardessy, who has accepted, says a Budapest telegram to the official German news agency.

M. de Bardessy is wellknown in diplomatic circles in London, where for a number of years he was Councillor of Legation and Charge d'Affaires.

He left London in 1934 to become Hungarian Minister to Bucharest, and was appointed Hungarian Foreign Minister in 1938.—Reuter.

APOLOGY TO AMERICA

The Ministry of Aircraft Production in London issued the following announcement yesterday:—

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of 'Jane's All the World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States.

"Neither the publication itself nor the principal editor, Mr. C. G. Grey, has any official status.

"The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication, with a view to removing the offensive sentences."—Reuter.

ESSENCE OF LIVING AT STAKE

DECLARING THAT "THE TYRANNY OF MAN OVER ITALIAN AND GERMAN MINDS IS ONE OF THE SADDEST THINGS IN HISTORY," MR. R. G. MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, IN A SPEECH AT BELFAST YESTERDAY, INSTANCED LIBYA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE MOST MISERABLE, WORTHLESS AND DESERTED COUNTRIES ANY MAN EVER LAID EYES ON."

The Australians who had cleared it had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more.

What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white."—Reuter.

INDIA'S ORDNANCE OUTPUT

Further progress in manufacturing in India of miscellaneous items of ordnance stores has enabled the majority of the 40,000 items being available to India.

New items are web equipment, lubricating oil, chemicals, and drugs of various kinds.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON CONVOY IN THAMES

The British gunboat Locust shot down one enemy aircraft, badly damaged another and hit a third during an unsuccessful attack on a British convoy in the Thames Estuary yesterday morning, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

DESTROYED THREE OUT OF FOUR

When Flight Lieutenant J. H. Lapsley of the Middle East Command, was awarded the D.F.C. recently, it was mentioned in the official citation that "on one occasion, single-handed, he attacked a formation of four S.79's and destroyed three of them."

It may now be revealed that it was in the battle of Bardia and Fort Capuzzo, a combined operation with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, that Flight Lieutenant Lapsley performed his great feat.

He arrived on the scene of the combat just as five of the S.79's had dropped their bombs well astern of the Fleet, and were making for home as fast as their engines would carry them. One of the five immediately went down in flames—evidently it had fallen a victim to the anti-aircraft fire from one of the warships.

Flight Lieutenant Lapsley, at once went for the remainder. Picking out the leader first, he gave him about eight short bursts from the guns of his Hurricane, and the Italian fell away. He fell inside the British lines and the deadliness of Flight Lieutenant Lapsley's shooting is shown by the fact that there were no fewer than 600 bullet holes in the aircraft.

This aircraft was the S.79 which was later on view in Alexandria and Cairo. Tens of thousands paid to inspect it—and to note the work of the British pilot.

Having dealt with the leader, Flight Lieutenant Lapsley went full tilt for a second. He had put only the second burst into the Italian aircraft when it went up in flames.

"I was about a hundred yards away and the flames were too close for comfort," he said, later, "I swerved away and then saw the crew bailing out."

By this time there was only one Italian aircraft left in sight, and he was making desperate efforts to escape. He had edged in towards the Libyan coast.

"He was diving like mad for a cloud, but I gave him three or four long bursts, and, with one engine smoking, he disappeared," said Flight Lieutenant Lapsley, "I think that he fell into the sea."

As there did not seem to be much more doing, Flight Lieutenant Lapsley then made his way back to his base.

"He has proved himself to be a pilot of tremendous enthusiasm and ability," said the official citation, "temperamentally suited for the role of fighter pilot, and he has exploited to the full all opportunities that came his way."

ITALIANS IN RETREAT HARASSED

The harassing of Italian columns retreating from Asmara and the destruction of three enemy bombers in Albania, are among the highspots in yesterday's R.A.F. communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters in Cairo.

Dealing with Eritrea, the communique states that the R.A.F. on Wednesday maintained bomb and machine-gun attacks on enemy transport retreating southwards from Asmara.

Free French aircraft bombed an enemy encampment on the Adowa road, while motor transport on the Dessie-Assab road was bombed and machine-gunned and a number damaged.

In Albania, four enemy bombers which attempted to raid Volos (Greece) were intercepted by R.A.F. fighters. Three were shot down and the fourth severely damaged.

In Tripolitania during the night of April 1/2 R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli, directly hitting the mole.

A heavy bombing attack was made on enemy motor transport at Ras Lanuf. Many vehicles were destroyed.

No British machines are missing.—Reuter.

13,500 Aliens Released

Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing categories of those eligible for release.

Latest figure of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.

Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

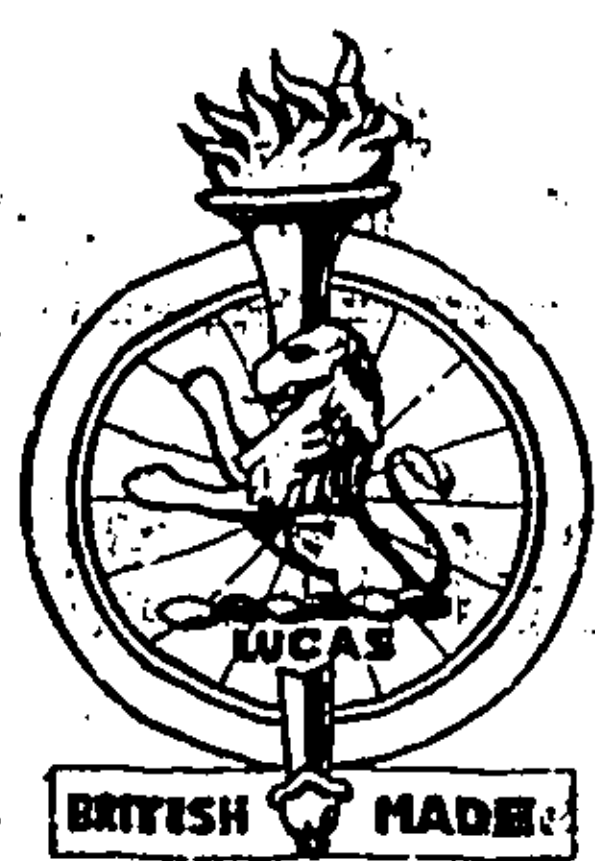
Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas. Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.—Reuter.

GREEKS PRAISE MATAPAN VICTORY

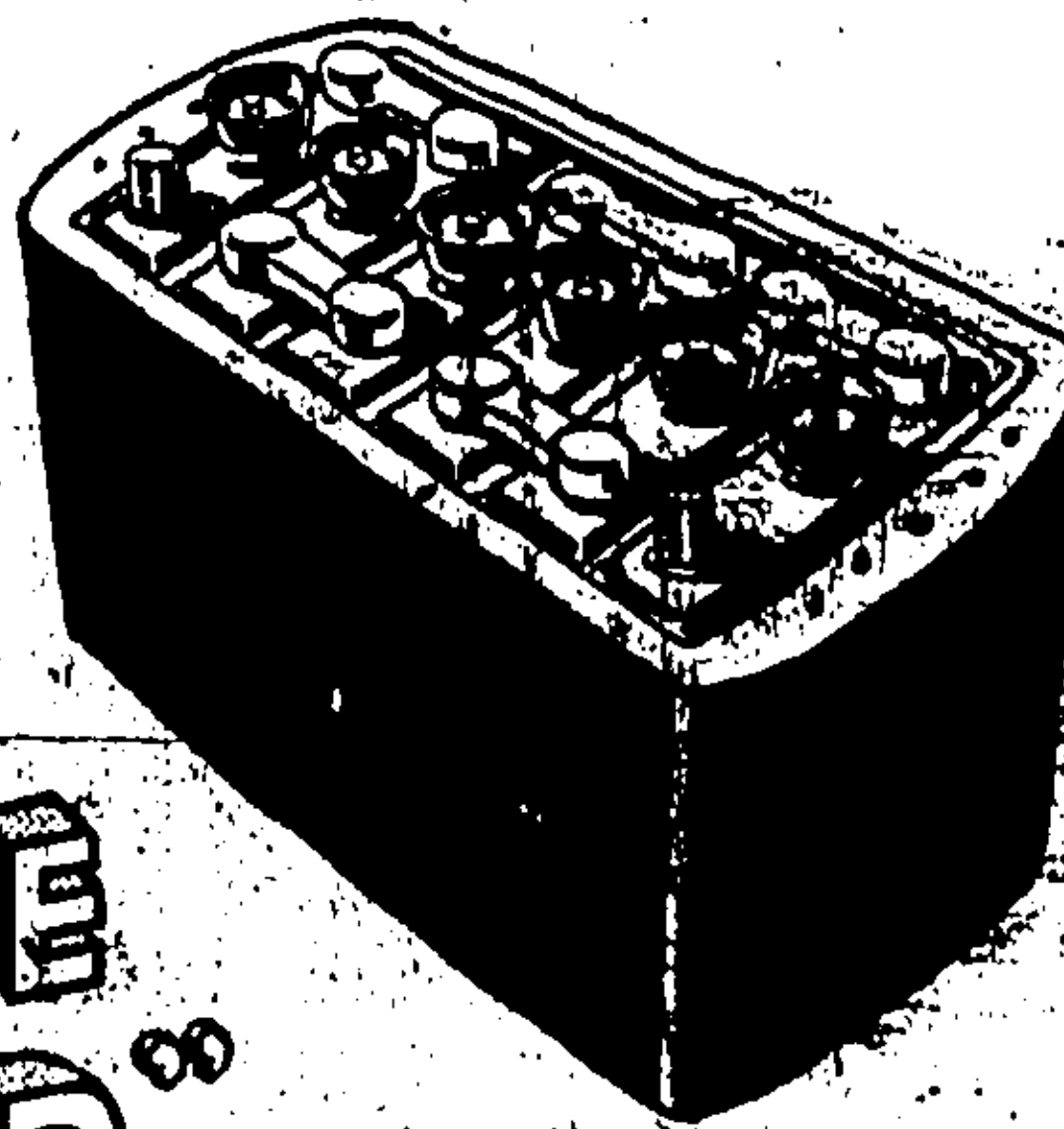
The Admiralty has received the following message from the Under-Secretary of State for the Greek Navy: "Please accept from both the Royal Greek Navy and myself, an expression of our admiration, enthusiasm and pride upon the majestic triumph of the glorious and invincible British Fleet against our common foe."—British Wireless.

INDIAN DEFENCE LOANS

The grand total of subscriptions to the all India defence loans up to March 29 was over 40,000, 000, says Reuter from New Delhi.



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Axis Ships May Be Forfeited To The United States

POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORFEIT THE SEIZED AXIS SHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES IS BEING "STUDIED" BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, AND MR. ROBERT JACKSON, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ANNOUNCED MR. MORGENTHAU IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Meanwhile Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, acting on President Roosevelt's orders, yesterday sent a Note to the Italian Ambassador demanding the immediate recall of the Italian naval attache in Washington, Admiral Alberto Lais.

It is alleged that Admiral Lais was connected with the sabotage of Italian ships in American ports.

The Note, as published by the State Department, says Admiral Lais is "persona non grata to this Government as naval attache of the Royal Italian Embassy in Washington."

It requests "your Excellency's Government to withdraw him immediately from the United States."

The Note continues that the action is being taken because of "various facts and circumstances which have come to the attention of this Government connecting Admiral Lais with the commission by certain persons of acts in violation of the laws of the United States."

Germans Next ?

The President has decided that the continued presence of Admiral Lais "would no longer be agreeable to this Government," the Note added.

Mr. Hull said at his press conference he was unable now to take up the question whether similar action might be taken against any German official in the United States.—Reuter.

KEEPING UP A BOLD FACE

A PREDICTION THAT THE AXIS PACT WOULD LAST FOR A CENTURY WAS MADE BY MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, BEFORE LEAVING ROME FOR BERLIN YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO A ROME DESPATCH TO THE DOMEI NEWS AGENCY.

Mr. Matsuoka said the Pact differed from ordinary alliances which were inspired by the common interests of the signatories, as it is based upon the ideal of creating a new world order which was shared by the three powers.—Reuter.

ENEMY AIR LOSSES

The following are figures from official communiqués of British and enemy aircraft losses for the month of March:—

Over Britain and British coastal waters the Germans lost 71 and the British six.

Over Germany and enemy occupied territories the Germans lost 10 and the British 45.

At sea the Germans lost three, the British none.—British Wireless.

GERMAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

German Socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his allies with all means at our disposal," according to a joint declaration issued in London yesterday.

The declaration states: "German Socialists in Britain are united in conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of German Nazism and the elimination of the social basis of Hitler's dictatorship are indispensable conditions to permanent peace, of the reconstruction of Europe and of a Democratic and Socialist future for Germany."—Reuter.

HITLER "MISSES" THE BOAT

HITLER HAS NEVER BEEN to sea. It is characteristic of the German mentality that it clings to dry land, says the "Philadelphia Public Ledger."

Hitler once made a supremely idiotic remark that "there are no islands any more." That was before the Battle of Britain, which is described by the British Government in a small booklet.

During the 84 days assault against the island fortress from August 8 to August 31 last year the Germans had 2,375 planes shot down before they gave up.

The islands are still standing in the midst of the sea despite Hitler's lordly dictum. It is because he cannot readily abolish them that he is being gradually reduced to desperate and impotent fury.

It is because there are islands that he is only one jump ahead of his Nemesis on dry land.

Tennis On The Rhine

The "New York Times" in its topics column, says Nazi philosophers gave the British

ENVELOPED IN ITS OWN SMOKE

A 21-year-old Spitfire pilot who has already won the D.F.C., with a sergeant pilot shot down a JU88 into the English Channel early yesterday.

They intercepted the JU88 about three miles off Beachy Head when flying only 300 feet above the water. Both attacked.

Return fire from the rear gunner was soon silenced. The raider smoking violently, was forced down to 20 feet, then hit the water, turned on its back and disappeared.

A squadron leader who shot down a JU88 on Monday was standing by in a Hurricane yesterday morning when a Dornier 215 appeared near his aerodrome at 6,000 feet. The Hurricane pilot immediately took off and attacked the raider.

Pieces began to fly off the Dornier and it was soon enveloped in its own smoke.

The squadron leader said:

"It had fallen to half its original height when it limped into cloud. It had already jettisoned its bombs in a field but even without the load I doubt if it could get back to base."—British Wireless.

GIFTS FROM CHINA

A further gift of £10,000 from British communities in China, making a total of £122,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister of Aircraft Production, says Reuter from London.

NAZI SEAMEN REFUSE TO PLEAD

Ten German sailors, handcuffed in pairs, were charged before the Federal Court in Boston yesterday with sabotage aboard their tanker, which has been seized by the United States authorities.

The accused men refused to plead.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful and mostly firm yesterday, especially industrials where gains were widespread with iron and steels prominent, but the markets closed quieter. Gilt-edged were firmly held, and oils and home rails were also little changed. Kassirs were irregularly lower but African gold mines advanced. Coppers were more active. Japanese and Brazilian bonds were good among foreign issues where there was some buying. Chinese Customs Loans were also good. Wall Street generally was firm.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SHIP'S DASH TO BRAZIL

The Italian freighter Himalaya (6,240 tons) arrived in Rio de Janeiro yesterday direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged, but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive in Rio since the war.

The German freighter Babilonga (4,422 tons) cleared the customs at Santos (Brazil) on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel, and is expected to leave soon.

Feverish preparations for departure are still reported from a north Brazilian port where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.—Reuter.

BROADCASTS TO ITALIANS

Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation.

A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi.

The British authorities have started an Italian newspaper in Mogadiscio, which gives the main war news, including British, German and Italian communiqués.—Reuter.

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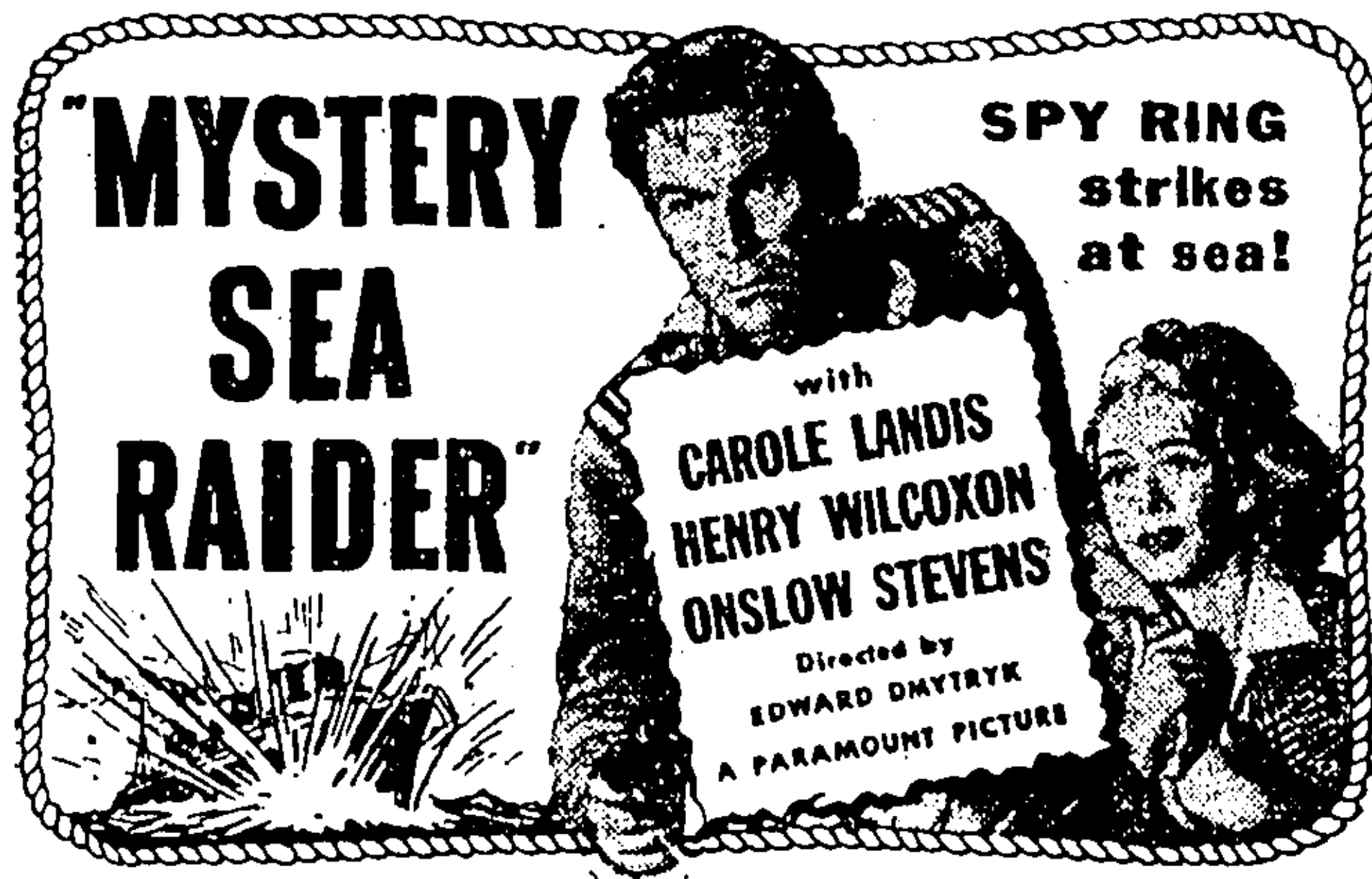


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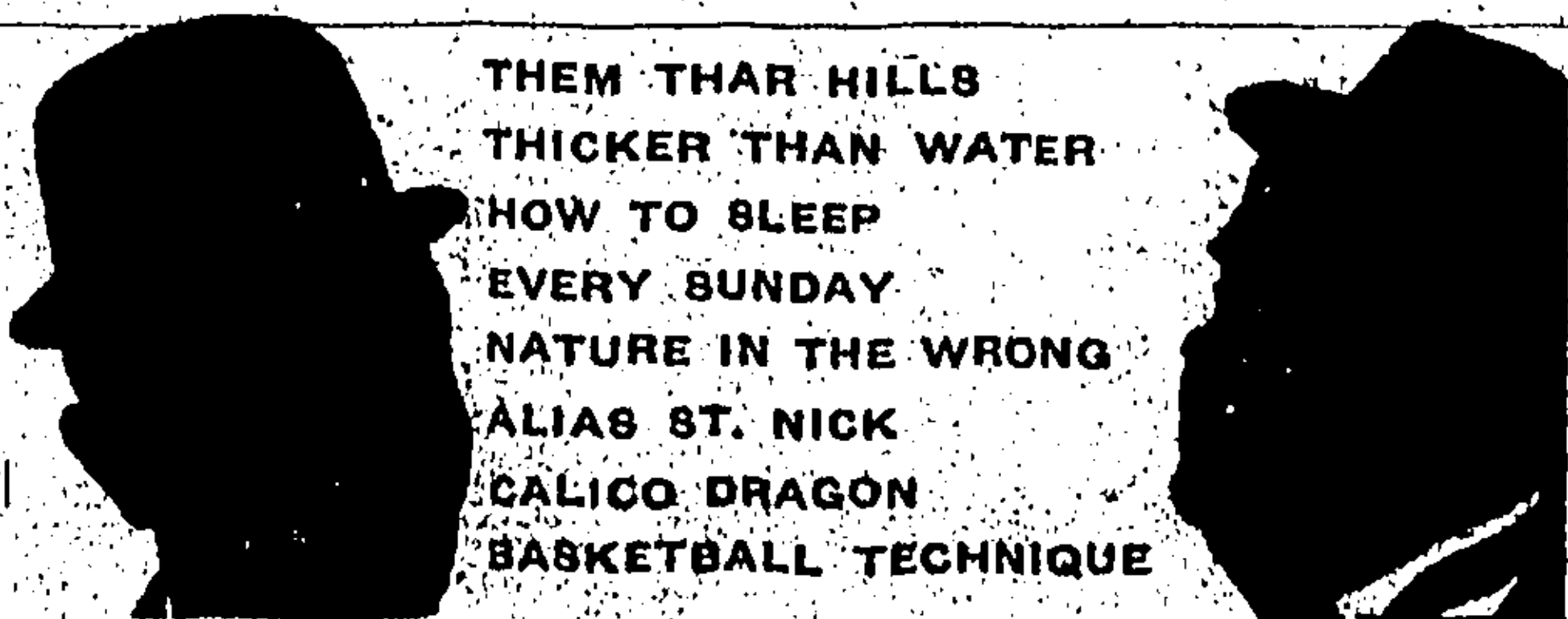


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WILFUL WIFE, JAPANESE SAYS JUDGE RELEASE LIGHTERS

STRONG COMMENTS on a wife's character were made by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court, when damages of £1,000 were awarded to Mr. Hugh Thomas Cunningham Pepper, of Salvington Letts, Worthing, Sussex, against Dr. Eric Dickens Spackman, of Shelley Road, Worthing.

Mr. Pepper, who alleged misconduct between his wife, Mrs. Barbara Pepper, of Toad Hall, Shoreham, and Dr. Spackman, was granted a decree nisi.

Mrs. Pepper failed in her petition for a decree on the ground of her husband's cruelty. Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton said that at the time of the marriage, in 1927, Mrs. Pepper was twenty-one and her husband twenty-three. She had a small income of her own, and Mr. Pepper, who had an allowance of £500 a year from his father, set up as a fruit farmer.

Really Frightened

In November, 1939, Mrs. Pepper left her husband, writing him a note in which she said: "As you have no hesitation in knocking me about and using abusive language, I am really frightened to go on living here."

Dealing with the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, the Judge said: "I have not the slightest doubt that Mrs. Pepper was a lady who is courageous to the point of recklessness, ardent and tireless in pursuit of her pleasures, vivacious, self-fish and wilful."

"A lady more rigidly and ruthlessly determined to go her own way and get her own way I seldom remember to have met."

Bathing Together

Regarding the allegation of adultery, the Judge said Mr. Pepper, in April, 1939, wrote to Dr. Spackman:

"Your constant attention to Jannie (Mrs. Pepper) during the last few years has earned you considerable notoriety."

"I wish to put particular emphasis on your almost daily bathing together during the summer, and I know she has addressed you at least once as 'Darling'."

The Judge said he could see no answer to the point made—the interviews of two hours at a time, sometimes with the door locked.

AT THE RIGHT MOMENT

Two terrible blows have been struck at the Italian fleet, says the "Goteborg Posten," and the latest victory should have as immediate effect that any further serious threat against British communications in the eastern Mediterranean has been countered.

It is not necessary to describe in detail the repercussions this will have in the Balkans.

The Italians, with a reduced fleet, should have entirely lost the appetite to take the risks of another open fight with Admiral Cunningham's fleet.

The victory came also at the right moment, since it has been seen that the Vichy Government do not hesitate to put Admiral Darlan's threat into operation. — Reuter.

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OVERSEAS CHINESE CONFERENCE

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Chinese delegates from the Netherlands East Indies, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indo-China and the Philippines participated.

By unanimous vote Mr. Tan Kah-kee (Chen Chia-kang), prominent Singapore financier, was elected to continue as Chairman of the Federation of China Relief Fund Committees.

Cables were despatched to the British and American Governments thanking them for continued assistance to China during the past few years, and telegrams were also sent to Chinese Government heads pledging further support, and to the chiefs of the fighting services.

It was further decided that the Conference send a circular telegram denouncing those communicating with Wang Ching-wei as traitors. — Reuter.

Just 24 hours after their detention, the Japanese naval authorities in Shanghai yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 500 tons of general merchandise, according to the "North China Daily News."

The merchandise was consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hong Kong, Rangoon, and Calcutta by the British steamer "Helen Moller."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

The release is reported to have followed discussions between the foreign consular concerned and the competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting Chinese sources the newspaper says the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking. — Reuter.

STRAITS WAR FUND NOW £600,000

Latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £19,575 makes a total to date of £600,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers. — Reuter.

G.O.C.'S DOG BITES A POSTMAN

A 24-year-old postman, Lo Kim-fung, was bitten by a dog, owned by H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasset, at Flagstaff House, while delivering letters yesterday. The animal was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

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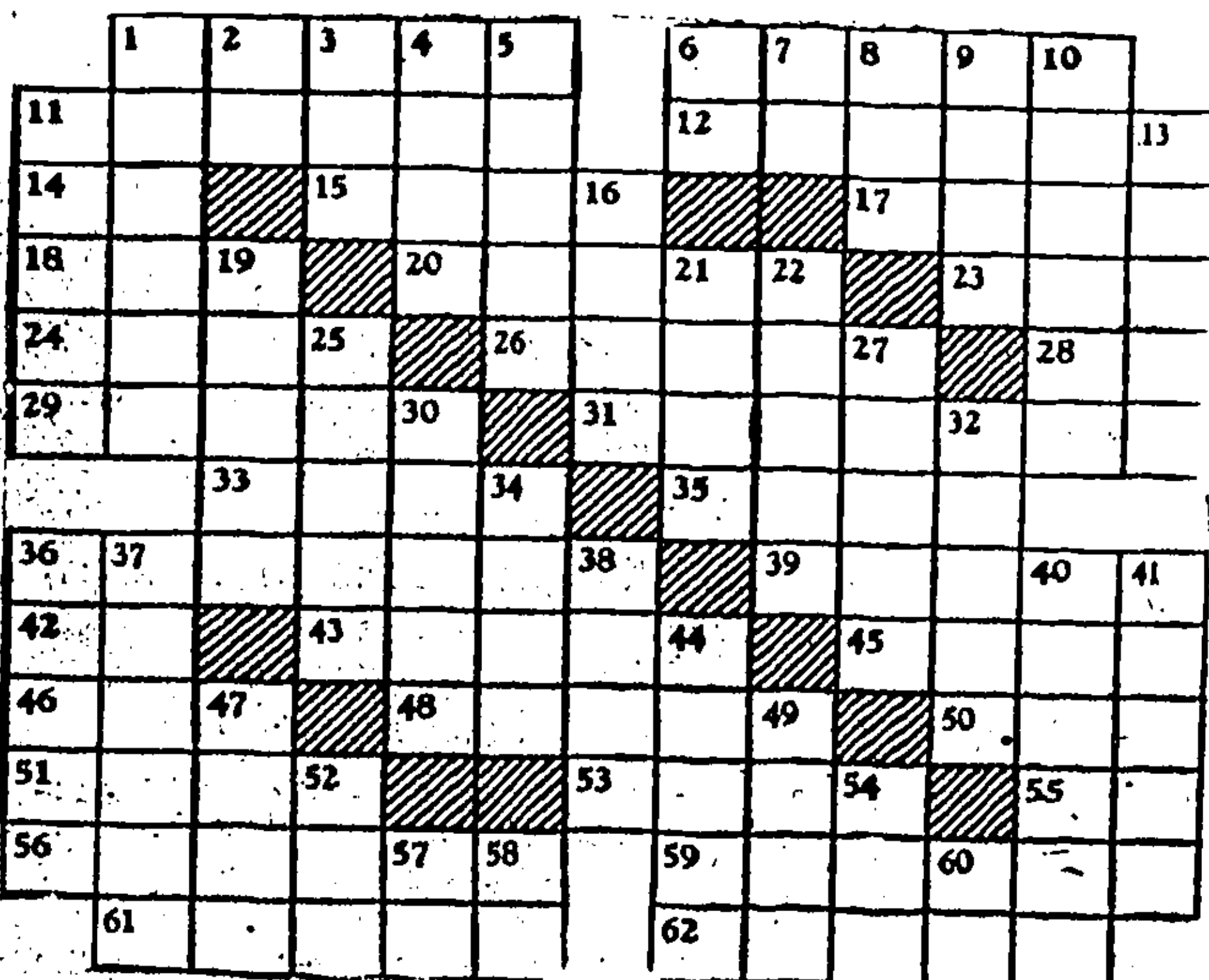
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23 Clamour

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26 Fillet worn about the hair

28 To accomplish

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1 City in Spain

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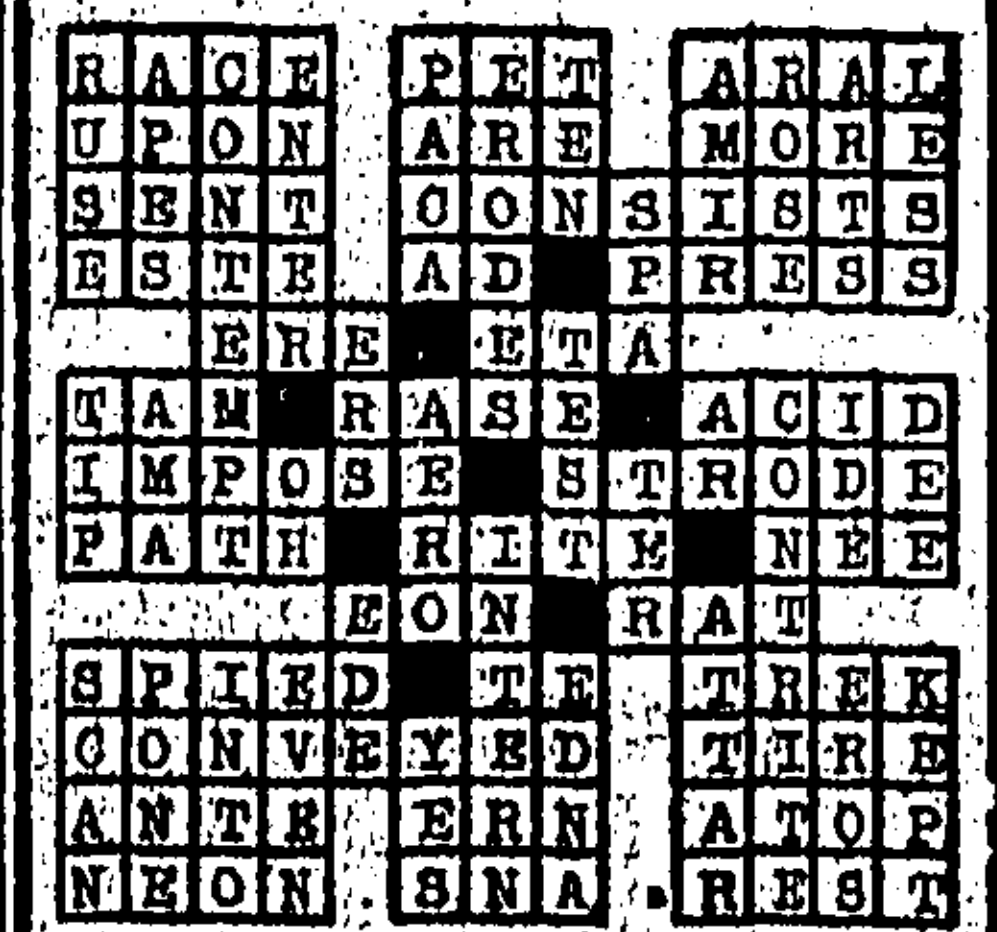
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Paddle Steamer In Action

A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle-mine-sweeper Lorna Doone (temporary Lt. T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R.) and three Dornier bombers.

One enemy aircraft is believed to have been destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped.

Only casualties in the Lorna Doone were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states an Admiralty communique.—Reuter.

All Guns Going

Three enemy aircraft—Dornier 215's—delivered a machine-gun and bombing attack from low clouds. Four large bombs were dropped but the Lorna Doone avoided them by skilful manoeuvring.

The Lorna Doone engaged the enemy with all guns, and shells were seen to burst close round the enemy aircraft.

One Dornier was observed to be on fire and when last seen was losing height rapidly. A few moments after this aircraft had disappeared in the haze two heavy explosions were heard.

A Coastguard station in the vicinity reported large pieces were seen falling off another Dornier.

A second communique says that three Messerschmidt 110's were hit by gunfire from H.M.S. Locust during an unsuccessful attack on one of our convoys in the Thames Estuary. No damage or casualties were sustained by the convoy or Locust.

One enemy aircraft was seen to crash into the sea. Another was hit and so badly damaged that its escape is considered unlikely. A third was seen to be hit.—British Wireless.

THAILAND'S CASUALTIES

THE THAI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT 99 THAILAND SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE BORDER CONFLICT WITH INDO-CHINA FROM THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN NOVEMBER TO THE SIGNING OF THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT ON MARCH 10, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

The number of wounded is said to have been small. The announcement estimated Indo-China dead at 700 to 800.—Reuter.

POCKET PICKED

Mr. E. B. Alves, of Davie, Boag and Company, has reported that, in Pedder Street yesterday at about 12.40 p.m., a wallet containing \$110 was picked from his pocket.

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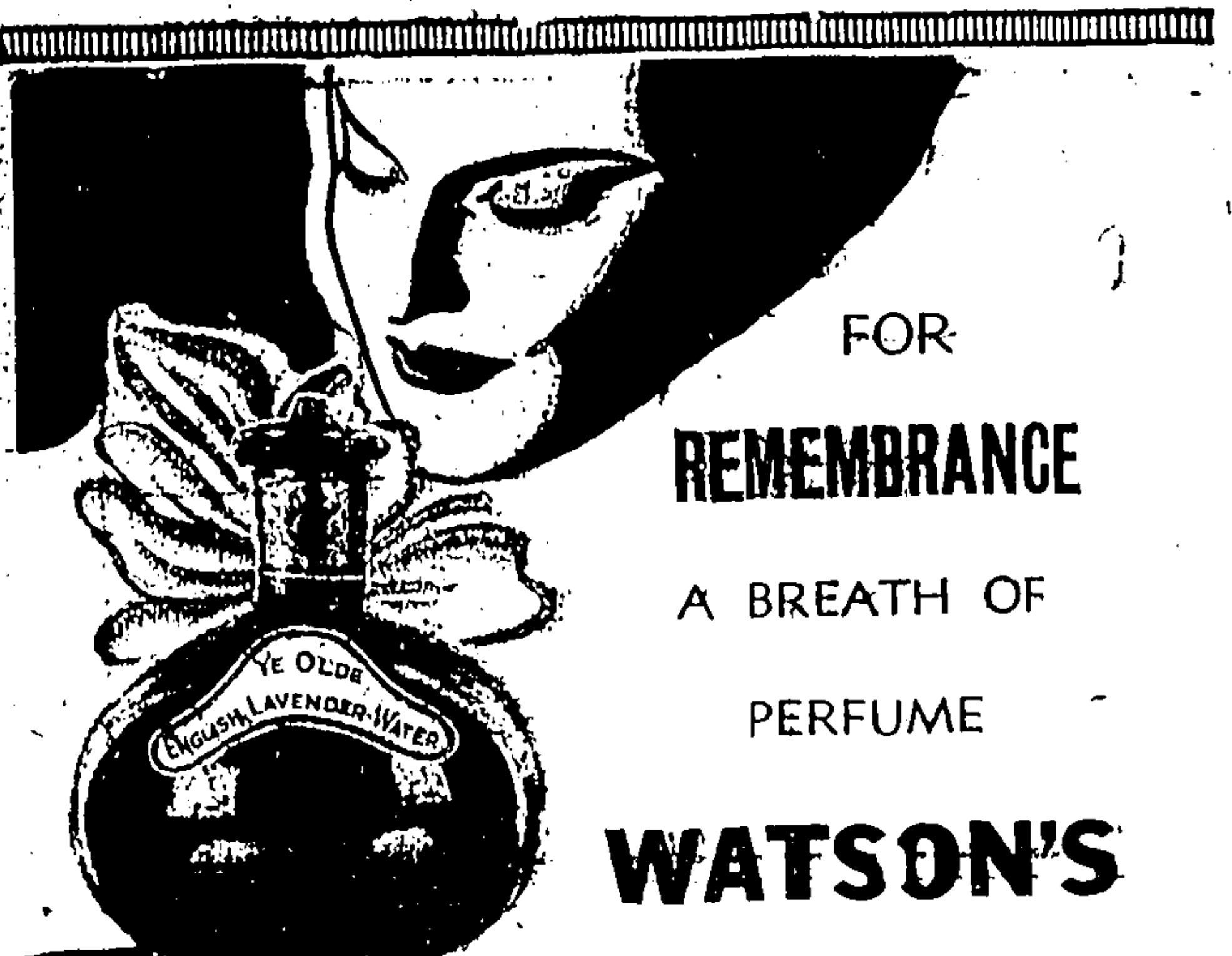
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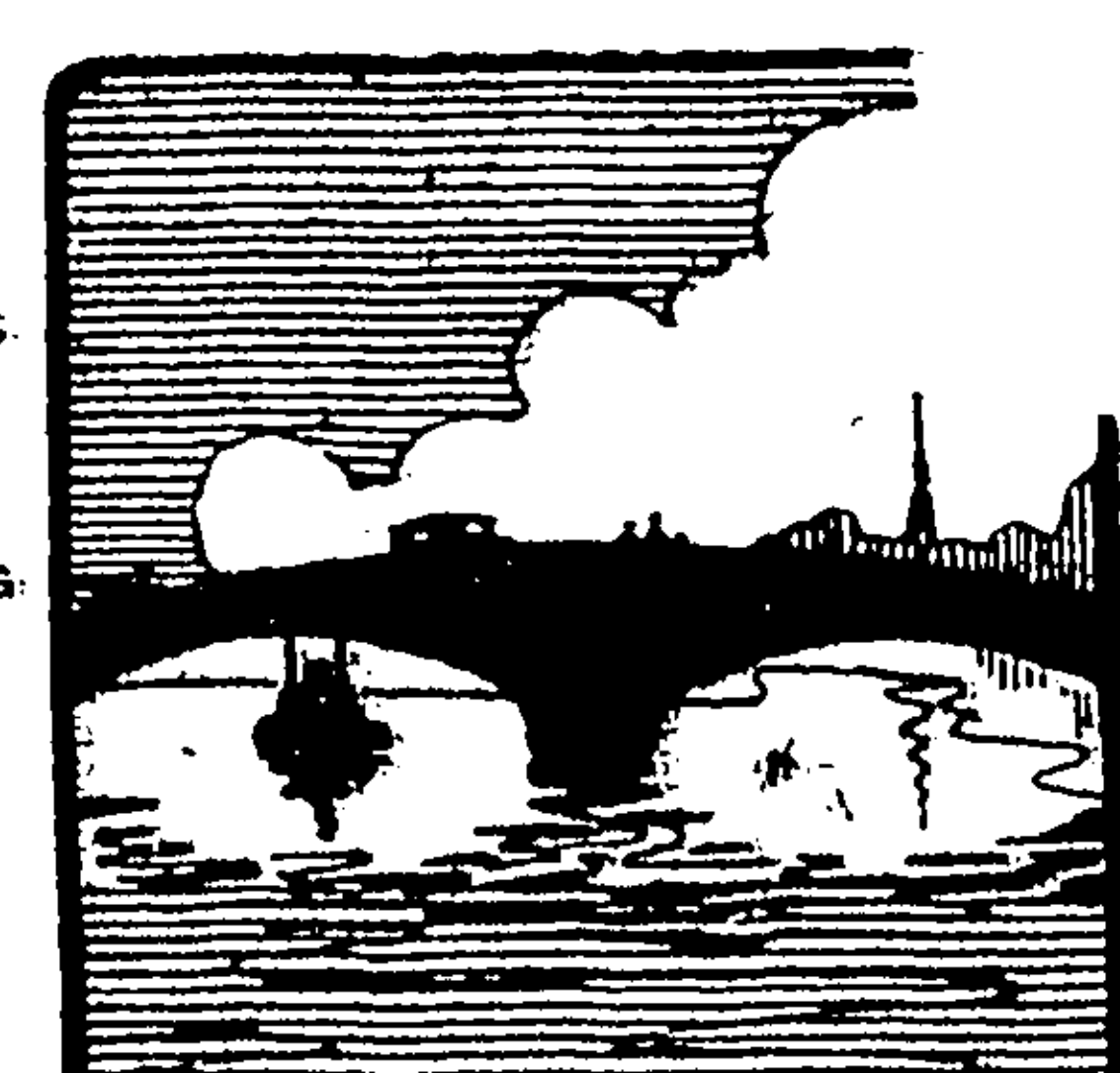
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IN A QUITE SPECIAL DEGREE THERE IS A FEELING THAT MATERIAL IS BEING COLLECTED FOR A GREAT EXPLOSION, SAYS THE "STOCKHOLM HANDELS-TIDNINGEN."

The impression that great happenings are in preparation is singularly strong and the atmosphere is loaded with dynamite.

It would require unshakable self-possession in Mr. Matsuoka not to notice the annoying events during his visits to Berlin and Rome.

JAPAN HAS NO "AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS"

Colonel Jiro Saito, new chief of the Japanese military mission in southern French Indo-China, in his first interview since assumption of his duties, told the "Associated Press" that no Nippon garrison troops will arrive in this region "unless there is an outbreak of Far Eastern war which is not likely unless America provokes a conflict."

The colonel, an expert on Siamese military affairs and for a long time a resident of Honolulu, declared "Japan has no aggressive aspirations southward from here." He added Japanese does not desire to declare war on any country "and thus a Far Eastern war depends upon America's attitude and action in the Far East. America at the present time has a selfish attitude of interfering in Asia and Europe."

The Nippon officer, who termed himself "pro-American," scoffed at reports that Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka while in Berlin may throw over the Axis for a policy of American-British friendship as a result of determined American aid to England. He claimed Japan was seeking a stronger Axis relationship.

Referring to United States aid to Britain, Colonel Saito asked "why should America send sons and sweethearts to fight in an unprofitable European conflict?"

Meanwhile Saigon authorities denied Tokyo reports that the Hanoi French colonial government was preparing to give native Indo-China its independence.

PROMINENT PORTUGUESE SENTENCED

Fernando Rodrigues, prominent Shanghai merchant known throughout the Far East, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by Judge Mascarenhas this morning when found guilty of the attempted murder of Gustavo Nolasco last June.

Rodrigues' social standing caused tremendous interest to be displayed in the case.—Reuter.

KEROSENE JUNK IN THE MINEFIELD

Lam Lap Ming, master of a trading junk, was this morning fined \$20 by Commander J. Jolly for anchoring in the Tathong Channel Minefield. The junk was carrying a cargo of 1,500 tins of kerosene.

M. Pamon Montri, Thailand's special envoy to Russia, has arrived in Tokyo, says a Reuter message.

Just as the honoured guest reaches Berlin, Yugoslavia creeps from the snare thrown over her head.

It would be remarkable if the superstitious Italians should not think Mr. Matsuoka has an evil eye.

Since the misfortune of Yugoslavia, changing her attitude coincided with his arrival in Berlin, his visit to Italy was celebrated by the loss of three Italian cruisers and three destroyers. How the battleship fared is not clear.

It could not be easy for Mussolini to feel himself easy under these circumstances when he received the honoured guest.

Right Sovereignty

However the occupation of the bottom of the sea may be, the surface of the sea is controlled right sovereignly by the British.

Mr. Eden is more in the Empire's centre at Cairo than in London, and the Japanese will find it hard to get an impression that British expulsion from the

SOLDIER IN CHILDREN'S COURT

AFTER APPEARING AT ENFIELD JUVENILE COURT A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD ARMY PRIVATE, ACCUSED OF BEING A DESERTER, WAS REMAND-ED FOR A MILITARY ESCORT.

He had been brought before the adult court, where his age was given as eighteen. When it was learned that his real age is sixteen he was handed over to the juvenile court.

His mother said her boy had volunteered, giving his age as eighteen. She had sent a copy of his birth certificate to his commanding officer. It was the second time he had run away from the Army.

Near East is done by a hand-turn.

The "Svenska Dagbladet" points out that Mr. Matsuoka was expected in Berlin at a time when the Axis was scoring one diplomatic success after another and the Axis Pact was securing new signatures, so the Yugoslav coup was a fatal welcome.

BUT THIS MISFORTUNE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE REVERSE FOR GERMANY'S BALKAN PLAN WHICH THE NEW YUGOSLAV REGIME CONSTITUTES.—REUTER.

LLOYD GEORGE WARNS AGAINST VICTORY DAZZLE

THE MINISTER of Agriculture said in the Commons yesterday that since 1914 the amount of arable land under crops had actually decreased by 4½ million acres. For every thousand acres of cultivated land in the last war there were 1,195 human beings to be fed and the figure was now 1,524.

Moreover, there had been a general decline in the fertility of British soil taking the country as a whole. Between the outbreak of the last war and this war the production of fodder and root crops for livestock had fallen by no less than one third.

In the last war 2,300,000 acres had been ploughed up. By next Spring it was expected that 3,750,000 acres would be ploughed up.

He did not think anyone could legitimately say the farming community had not made a remarkable contribution.

As regards labour, the Secretary for War last week lent him 3,000 members of the Pioneer Corps. There were a certain number of conscientious objectors and aliens on the job and they still had hopes they might get some German prisoners.

Parks And Golf

Speaking of parks, golf courses and derelict land he had come to the conclusion it was better to use available labour machinery and fertilisers increasing the production of existing arable land as compared with possible production which might be obtained by bringing such land under cultivation.

In the last seven months agricultural committees had done nearly as much for reclaiming land as the Italian Government had done in 13 years in reclaiming the Pontine Marshes. A new body was to be created which would be concerned to devise methods of incorporating into

farming practice all promising results of scientific research.

Meat Shortage

With regard to future policy he said there was bound to be a meat shortage. The shortage of imported meat would continue for several months and British agriculture would have to step into the breach to make good the shortage to maintain the meat ration of the people.

We should have to keep up our dairy herds, getting rid of poor yielders. There would have to be a slight reduction of meat cattle.

Numbers of sheep would have to be kept up and there would have to be a good deal more ploughing up of grassland, an intensified drainage campaign and better cultivation.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the debates, said that in this grave hour the life of the nation depended on agriculture. We were rejoicing in stories of the most brilliant victories on land, at sea and in the air that had ever illumined the military annals of this country. They dazzled our eyes but we must take care they did not blind them.—British Wireless.

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WAR PRODUCTION

No one who understands the immensity of the task of turning over industry from a peace to a war basis will have been surprised at Mr. Churchill's recent statement, that Britain is still only a partially armed nation. Under the modern conception of total war a nation is only fully armed when industrial war production reaches a maximum such as to keep fully equipped the largest possible fighting force. The number of men who can profitably be trained to fight is limited by the capacity to equip them adequately. Far more munitions will be needed for, say, 4,000,000 soldiers in this war than for 5,000,000 in the last.

To achieve the desired results requires the most exact organisation of all the major activities of the country. Control at the top is essential, and the people have asked nothing better than that they should be told what each should do in the common cause. From the moment that conscription for the army was adopted it was generally agreed that the same fundamental must be applied to civilians, and that the Government should have power to control property and profits, and the labour of men and women, rich and poor alike.

The machinery to be set in motion was intricate. The fighting services had to decide what equipment they needed. The supply departments placed orders on a gigantic scale with firms capable of adapting their plants. There was immense demand for machine tools and skilled labour. More tools had to be manufactured, more labour trained. Care had to be taken that the rate of production of one part of a weapon kept pace with the rate of production of other parts manufactured in perhaps many other factories.

Registration for service in the Forces has now been followed by the industrial registration of the civilian population by age-groups—that is, by the making of lists of those who may be called on to serve the State in national industry. Compulsion in like manner is applied to employers who, if engaged in vital war work, have no longer the right to dismiss their employees except for misconduct, and the Government has the power, sparingly exercised, to take

New Trend In War

As Axis moves in the Balkans appear to herald the opening of a new campaign, signs begin to multiply that Great Britain is preparing to conduct the struggle on entirely different lines from those adopted in the last war.

That is why any estimate of the outcome at this stage is highly uncertain and why we have at one and the same time Colonel Lindbergh giving technical reasons for Britain's expected downfall, while Wendell L. Willkie furnishes well-authenticated information indicating probable British victory.

The very completeness of the German victories in the first half of last year has enabled Mr. Churchill to discard a line of strategy which Britain followed in 1914 and 1918 and which its leaders clung to tenaciously up to the moment when Mr. Churchill took over the Government.

German occupation of France took away Britain's chief ally, but it also took away one of the most pernicious sources of defeat—the West Front theory.

Scope of Dunkirk

What Mr. Churchill—and Mr. Lloyd George before him—had been struggling to get rid of for nearly a quarter of a century was effectively liquidated for all present purposes at historic Dunkirk. With the disappearance of the West Front myth, Britain becomes united in its strategic outlook, and while the loss of France and the Low Countries is a heavy price to pay, the new unity is an immense asset and likely to take effect in surprising ways during the coming campaign.

This West Front theory—the "billy-goat tactics," as Mr. Lloyd George termed it, "butting away one's strength against unbreakable walls"—was built around the postulate that the war could only be won by defeating Germany in the west and that armed strength should not be frittered away by sending it to other subsidiary fronts.

Strongly advocated by Joffre, Haig, and some of the most influential members of the British and French Governments and services, this theory was responsible for the loss of almost 1,000,000 French and German soldiers during the terrible eight-day German attack on Verdun in February, 1916.

It was responsible for the loss of the flower of Britain's youth—480,000 from schools and universities—in the attack on the German lines at the Somme, the following June; for 300,000 more, butting against the German lines at Arras and Messines between April and June in 1917 and 430,000 more in the Flanders mud of Passchendaele the following September.

And for all this tragic cost in men, with tens of millions of shells, and even the whole Messines ridge blown off by long and elaborate mining operations, only a few square miles of territory were gained.

Reversal of Policy

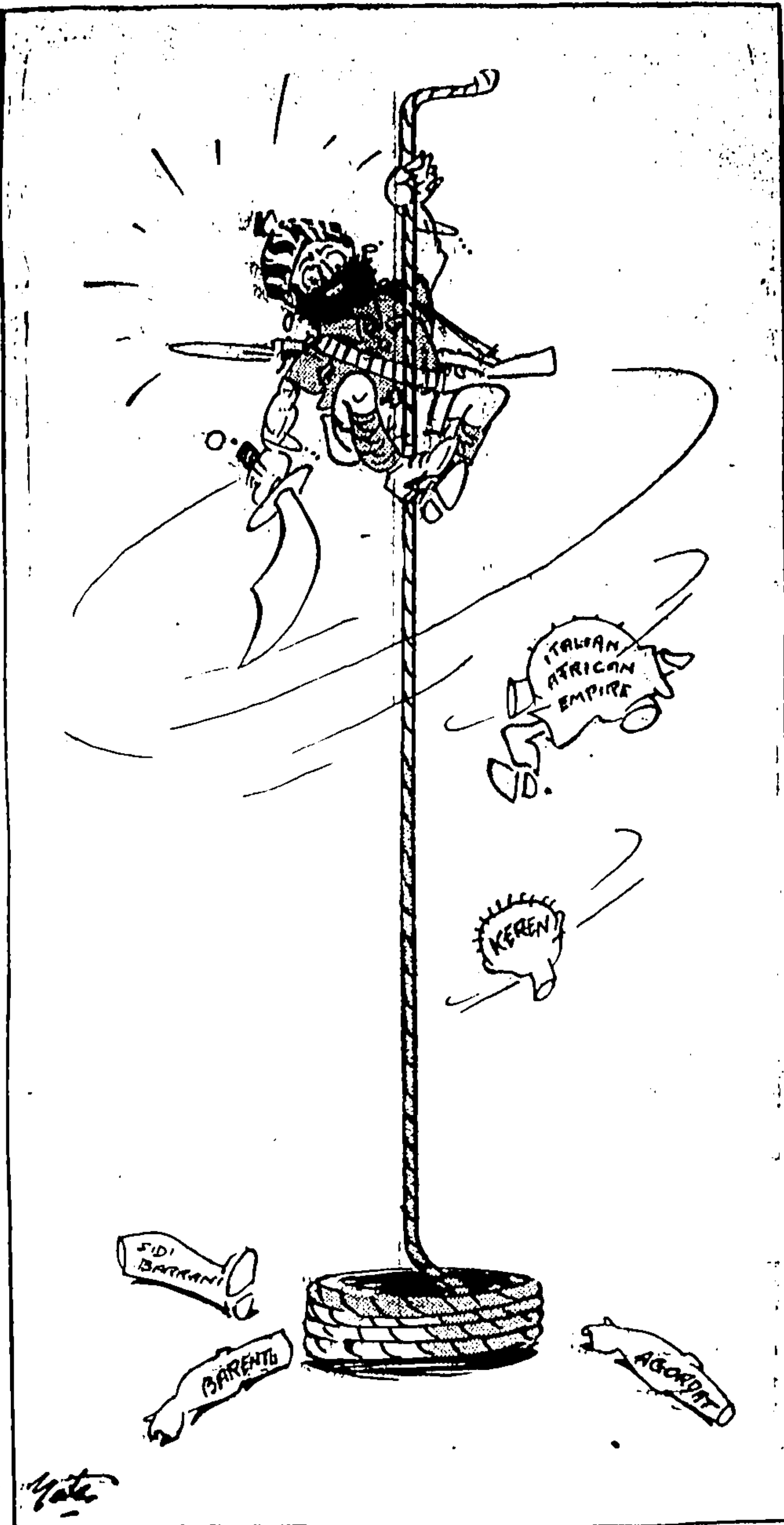
To-day Mr. Churchill reverses the policy—he attacks where the enemy is weak, instead of where the enemy is strong. He may have only a fraction of the men and arms that were assembled on the Allied front in 1916 and 1917, but everything he has is effective.

He may have lost most of the continent, but the continent is a seething mass of discontent and incipient rebellion, so that the German occupation is only partially effective.

Moreover, if he does not control the land, he controls the sea and can uncover the enemy's weak

over and run industrial undertakings.

How far this vast machinery of production has been organised to the best possible advantage cannot yet be fully judged, but there is no doubt that equipment is now coming into production on a scale that is literally enormous.



AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

(Leaving it to Mussolini to try and conjure the pieces together again.)

points with devastating sureness. While the West Front theory gave Britain no advantage from its maritime supremacy, the navy is the key to Britain's policy to-day.

Signor Mussolini, failing to observe this revolutionary change of tactics, and assuming that he had an open lane for supplies to his North African empire launched his attack on Egypt last August, as soon as France had dropped out. To his surprise he found the lane suddenly closed, while the British—instead of blundering along with insufficient men or supplies as they had done at Gallipoli in April, 1915, when the 125,000 "Anzacs" landed to find the Turks—unsurprised and well prepared to meet them—in two months disposed of his army and all Eastern Libya at a cost of less than 1,000 casualties to themselves.

Fascist Fallacy

By a similar miscalculation, when on Oct. 28 the Duce decided to invade Greece, he found that the British, instead of landing an ill-equipped, ineffective force at Salonika—as the Allies had done in 1915, with some idea of proceeding against the Turks—were able to send timely equipment to the Greeks by sea, with an effective air force detachment to supplement their bombing and reconnaissance work.

The net result so far for Britain is two new bases in the central Mediterranean—at Crete and Benghazi—which bid fair to eliminate and prospect of Signor Mussolini's making further claims to control of the Mediterranean.

Heavier tests than these may be expected to face the British at any moment, but so long as the fleet remains intact, there is every reason to suppose that it will proceed to uncover the Nazi weak points, as it has uncovered the Italian—for though the Nazis are an entirely different proposition from the Italian Black Shirts, the vast extent of their conquests may be expected to leave inevitable weak points.

Britain has lost France and Belgium, but she will no longer waste

weeks and months in wrangles between Lloyd George, Haig, Joffre, Millerand and the rest as to what policy to adopt, or between Churchill and Fisher as to whether to force the Dardanelles. She has lost Russia as an ally, but it may well be that effective help to the indomitable and self-reliant little Greece has more value than no help at all from millions of Russian soldiers, who in 1915 and 1916 were impotent because they had no ammunition.

Russian Failure

Every day desperate appeals were being sent from General Yanushkevitch, Chief of Staff of the Grand Duke Nicholas, to the War Minister: "Two or three times a day cartridges are asked for from the fronts, and there are none. My heart is heavy," the unhappy general would plead. Moreover, the Russian people to-day are little likely to be more helpful to the conquering Nazis than the Czechs or Norwegians who are already under the German heel.

From the human standpoint, while Britain is in some ways weaker in political leadership than she was in 1914, yet the Prime Minister who gave General Wavell all the men and equipment he needed for the campaign in Libya—and at the right moment—is the man who above all has been trying to shift Britain's policy from the West Front to the world-wide naval policy.

He is the man who in 1915, as First Lord of the Admiralty, had the enterprise to spend £70,000 of public money on unauthorised experiments in a field that was no official concern of his—tests with a new contraption subsequently known as the "tank."

Considerations such as these must be thrown into the balance before one can size up the prospects of the war.

In the matter of the imponderables that play so vital a part in the final destiny of human affairs, they mount up to a formidable array—the more so since the new strategy of sea control, unlike the strategy of the West Front, makes cooperation from America both easy and effective.

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MR. KNUDSEN ON DANGER TO BURMA

U.S. 'PLANE PRODUCTION RISE

A TOTAL OF 3,470 high-powered aeroplane engines were delivered by American manufacturers in February, an increase of 343 over the previous month, William S. Knudsen, Director General of the Office of Production Management, said in Washington.

Of this number 2,767 went to the Army and Navy and Great Britain, Mr. Knudsen said, citing the record on aeroplane engines as characteristic of a general increase in defence production.

Mr. Knudsen branded as "stuff and nonsense" reports that American 'planes were unsatisfactory to the British in many respects.

"I'm no flier myself," he said, "but they keep taking 'em. That's all I need to know."

Mr. Knudsen answered questions on the defence programme at a press conference.

"What is the situation as to production?" he was asked. "Are things beginning to move now?"

He called for a large pin-dotted map of the country.

Move To West

"Every one of those dots is a project started or expanded since last July," Mr. Knudsen said. "You see, we are gradually showing the dots in this direction."

He indicated the west. "That's what everybody asked us to do, so that is what we are doing."

"In justice to American enterprise, the Army and the Navy and to the people engaged in this effort, I say we are doing something. These pinheads may be just dots to you, but they mean production to me."

Mr. Knudsen said that the shortage of machine tools was still a major problem and added that the labour situation was becoming acute.

Mass Production

He remarked that an inventory of machine tools was being made with a view to finding out where they were located and how they could be used. This is in preparation for a more intensive drive for "farming out" subcontracts by primary contractors, he explained.

He indicated disagreement with at least one phase of the Reuther plan for mass production of 'planes and engines, that relating to the

use of existing automobile plant tools and equipment.

He said that a check-up on the Cadillac plant, which Walter P. Reuther, chief of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), author of the plan, gave as an example, revealed that only 15 per cent of standard equipment could be used for the production of aeroplane engines. Mr. Reuther will make a further study and meet with OPM officials later, Mr. Knudsen said.

"To say you can use existing equipment for making a complete aeroplane engine in an automobile plant is just not so," he said. "I say it just can't be done."

3,500 Engines A Month

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce estimated that the three major aeroplane engine manufacturers would reach a monthly output of 3,500 to 3,700 big engines by July.

That rate would relieve existing engine shortages and provide a small surplus over the number of engines required for a monthly 'plane output of 1,500 expected by July.

The chamber based its estimate on a survey of the three big producers, Pratt & Whitney, Wright Aeronautical and Allison.

If the chamber's July estimate is attained, there will be enough motors each month to power at least 1,800 military 'planes ranging from single-engined pursuit craft to four-engined bombers, officials said.

In September, 1939, the combined output of the three manufacturers was 200 to 300 big engines a month. A year later the production had risen to 1,500 engines.

OFFICERS' FOOD ABC

"In nine months the Army can make a man fit to take his place as a first-class chef in any hotel in London."

So claims Lieutenant-Quartermaster R. H. Garrood, who is teaching officers at a Northern Command training centre how to make an army march to victory on its stomach.

In six months he has taught 450 Army and A.T.S. messing officers the secrets of appetising cookery.

All officers sent for a ten-day course at this training centre are not enthusiastic about it when they first go, but the lieutenant-quartermaster has an answer for them.

They'll Be Happy

"You have an important job in the Army. The whole responsibility of unit messing rests with the messing officer. If he does his job properly everybody will be happy, and the men will have pleasure in doing their own jobs properly."

Men who have been hotel proprietors and caterers in civilian life are amazed at what the Army cook is taught to-day.

"In six weeks," says Lieutenant-Quartermaster Garrood, "we can make a man a really useful cook. After three months' training he becomes a really first-class cook. In nine months the Army can make a man fit to take his place as a first-class chef in any hotel in London."

The danger of Burma being involved in Far Eastern conflicts was raised in the House of Representatives during the adjournment motion to discuss the proposed new Burma-China Railway, linking the Burma railhead with Yunnanfu, the decision to build which was recently announced by the Chinese Government, says a Rangoon message.

Some members expressed the view that Burma should construct the railway from funds which could be advanced by Britain, thus allowing Burma to retain control of the railway throughout.

Mr. Craw, the Burma Defence Councillor, emphasised that there should be no reason why Burma should refuse China's request for transport of goods through Burma, pointing out that China was Burma's big neighbour and asked whether it was wise for a small country to be unfriendly with a big neighbour.

Mr. U. Saw, the Premier, denied that the new railroad meant that there would be danger of invasion.

The adjournment motion was talked out. — Reuter.

DISPUTE IN DOG CASE

MR. R. P. PHILLIPS, RESIDING AT NO. 13, HILLWOOD ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, WAS FINED \$5 BY MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR ALLOWING HIS DOG TO WANDER IN HILLWOOD ROAD WITHOUT A MUZZLE AT 7.30 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 12.

Inspector R. Cunningham prosecuted, and Mr. Phillips pleaded not guilty.

A Portuguese boy, Marques O. da Silva stated that while he was playing in Hillwood Road at 7.30 p.m. on February 12 with six or seven other boys, he saw two dogs, one on a lead but the other not, in charge of a small Chinese girl. The dog which had no lead, turned back and bit him on the leg. He knew the dogs were owned by Mr. Phillips, his neighbour.

Two other Portuguese boys gave similar evidence, but one of them stated that the dogs were in the charge of a man instead of a girl.

Mr. Phillips said that that day he played bowls at Government House and was not feeling well, so he went to bed shortly after seven o'clock. The small dog was on his bed until the following morning. He suggested that his dog could not have been in Hillwood Road after seven o'clock, although his man servant had taken them for a walk before six o'clock.

Mr. Phillips' servant testified that he locked the door at 7 p.m. He was quite certain the dogs were in the house at the time the incident took place.

Fining Mr. Phillips, the Magistrate remarked that he was satisfied that one of accused's dogs, which had no muzzle, and lead, had bitten the Portuguese lad.

Before the same Magistrate, Mr. A. E. Coates, of No. 59, Kadoorie Avenue, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

SANDBAGS SLASHED IN THE BLACK-OUT

Sandbag slashing in Cambridge is causing concern to the authorities. Bags of sand which have been tied in pairs to lamp-posts all over the town as part of the fire-fighting precautions have been cut during the black-out and left on the pavement.

In one district more than fifty have been damaged.

In an appeal to the public the Chief Constable, Mr. R. J. Pearson said: "Apart from the risks caused if the sandbags should be required in an emergency, the loose sandbags are an obvious danger to pedestrians and other road users at night."

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Imperial Forces Ordered To Retire From Benghazi

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT BENGHAZI, CHIEF SEAPORT AND TOWN IN EASTERN LIBYA, HAS BEEN EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES.

Benghazi was captured on February 6 following the high speed advance by British forces from Derna along the coast road and across the desert.

The military spokesman in Cairo described the operations in Libya as "minor engagements of no particular importance."

Our forward troops, he said, had withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, 90 miles from Benghazi.

The spokesman said South African troops were increasing their pressure after capturing Mieso, Abyssinia.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town, owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Meanwhile the official Nairobi communique giving news of the capture of Mieso pays a tribute to the cooperation in Abyssinia of the forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding Aden, saying "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy's rear areas and communications."—Reuter.

Nearing Addis Ababa

Mieso is on the railway from Diredda to Addis Ababa, about 100 miles from Diredda and about 150 miles from Addis Ababa.

Reports are still current that the possibility of Italian capitulation cannot be ruled out. It is rumoured, for instance, that the Duke of Aosta has asked General Wavell for his conditions of surrender.

Many Prisoners Taken

A LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ERITREA AND MANY MORE ARE BEING ROUNDED UP.

A considerable number of guns and much war material was also captured at Asmara. Operations are continuing south-west from Asmara.

British forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, in Libya. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces.—Reuter.

Trying To Counter Eritrean Disasters

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

German military quarters in Berlin yesterday claimed that a German offensive in Libya has opened.

They allege that German and Italian forces are "pursuing" British troops retreating northward.—International News Service.

Wavell Decision

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The announcement of the British evacuation of Benghazi gave few details of the withdrawal.

The British military authorities in Cairo believe, however, that General Wavell either found himself confronted by a major air onslaught from German Stukas recently landed in North Africa or decided to shorten his long, thin line of communications in the Near East or the Balkans.—International News Service.

WEDDING AT THE REGISTRY

The marriage took place this afternoon at the Registry Office of Sergeant Sydney Gordon Dark, R.M., of H.M.S. "Tamar" and Miss Mary Augusta Brown, of No. 8, Ching Lung Street, daughter of Mr. Johannes Carl Brown, deceased.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

NATIVE TROOPS RIOT

Rioting by Italian colonial troops in Asmara preceded the entry of the British and Imperial forces into the Eritrean capital.

This was revealed by the British military spokesman in Cairo last night.

To ensure the safety of Italian families in Asmara the Italian bishop and chief of police appealed to the British to occupy the town and restore order.

THIS IS THE FIRST TANGIBLE SIGN OF SERIOUS DOMESTIC TROUBLE THREATENING THE REMAINING ITALIAN FORCES IN EAST AFRICA.—REUTER.

ITALIAN DESTROYERS SUNK

The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

It says the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition.

Both these destroyers recently left Massawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communique, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.—Reuter.

HARBOURING A GRIL

BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, CHAN LUK, 32, WIDOW, WAS FINED \$20, OR TWO WEEKS' HARD LABOUR, FOR HARBOURING A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL ON MARCH 30 WITHOUT HER MOTHER'S CONSENT.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., said that at noon on March 30, the girl met accused in Shanghai Street and it was suggested by accused that she could find her a better job. The accused was taken to a house in Hong Kong, where the girl remained until Tuesday when she ran away.

That afternoon, the girl was met by another woman, to whom accused sold her, in Yaumatei, and an argument resulted in both parties going to the police station.

ADVENTURE OF A TANK CREW

How terrifying the bombardment of Bardia by the heavy guns of the Fleet really was is attested by the commander of a British infantry tank, who took part in the main assault, was captured, and escaped after a series of amazing adventures.

His tank successfully withstood several direct hits by anti-tank guns after it had entered the perimeter, but then had the first of its guns rendered ineffective by a hit on the turret, then received a shell directly on the front, which shook the whole vehicle, stunned the driver, and broke the electric wiring. This caused a short circuit, which set fire to the batteries and filled the tank with fumes.

Meanwhile the tank was careering on, out of control. The commander decided that the only course was to abandon the vehicle. He opened the cupola. The inrush of fresh air revived the driver, whom the crew were thus able to extract from his seat. On leaving the tank, the whole crew were surrounded and taken prisoner. The commander was taken before two generals, one of whom, from the description, must have been Berganzoli. He first reprimanded the prisoner for not standing to attention, then asked him questions about his unit and the strength of the British tanks, to which the subaltern declined to reply.

He said to the General, however: "If you knock out these tanks, more tanks will come. You had better give in." At this the General bristled with fury.

An attempt was then made to send the prisoners through to Tobruk in a lorry, but this proved impossible because of the British fire. They were confined in a cave on the side of a wadi in the northern sector, where they arrived in time for the bombardment by the 15-inch guns of the Fleet. The subaltern relates that it was the most terrifying experience of his life. He was in fear every moment that the dug-out would collapse under the impact of the heavy shells. He survived however, and on the entry of the British troops into the sector had the satisfaction of leading his captors captive, to the number of more than 1,000.

Courage Beyond Praise

The most formidable problem for the attacking force was a deep wide anti-tank trench, which surrounded the whole system of defences. This was carefully reconnoitred by a tank officer, who accompanied an Australian patrol, climbed into the trench by night, and took exact measurements. A section of the trench was then reconstructed within the British lines and exhaustive experiments made in the best means to clear a way for tanks.

At zero hour a battalion of Australian infantry crossed the trench, cut the wire, and remained covering the sector where the attack was intended, while Australian sappers, working swiftly with picks and shovels as well as explosives, broke down the sides of the trench and made a crossing for the tanks. The courage of these men is beyond praise. It was here that the heaviest casualties were suffered.

Among the defenders of Bardia must be numbered certain minor allies of the Italians. On entering the defences and while searching the dug-outs, the British troops encountered an army of fleas of the most ferocious and the most painstaking type. Their onslaught on our men was so redoubtable that the troops came to the conclusion that they were Mussolini's secret weapon.



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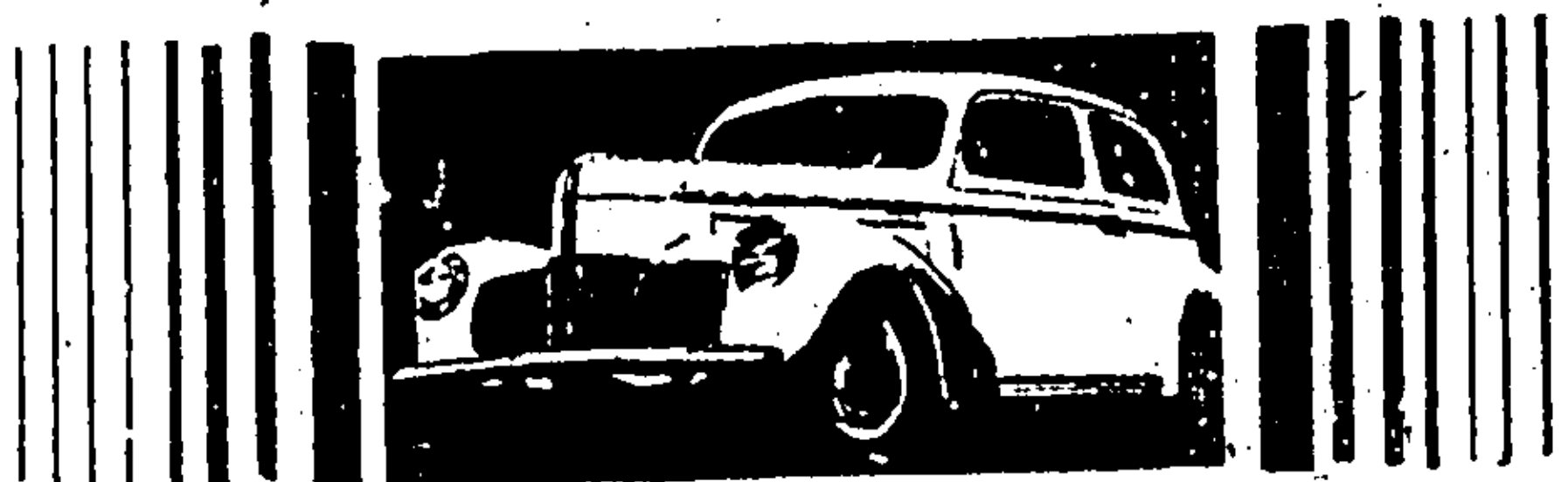
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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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♠ A Q 2
 ♥ 8 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ A 8 3

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q 4 3
 ♣ K Q J 10

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 W E S
 ♠ K 8 5 3
 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ A K Q J 9
 ♦ K J 9 7
 ♣ 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the King of clubs, and South took the club Ace and drew three rounds of trumps. He was then tempted to finesse the Queen of spades, for if that won, he could finesse diamonds from the dummy and perhaps win even twelve tricks! He awoke from this pleasant pipe dream by considering that losing the spade finesse might lead to the loss of two spades and two diamonds.

With some reluctance, therefore, South gave up his play for overtricks and simply led a low diamond from his hand. West won with the diamond Queen and returned the six of spades, thus giving South one more chance to go wrong. To play the Queen would allow East to take the spade King and return the suit, setting up a second spade trick for West before his Ace of diamonds had been knocked out.

South saw the danger, however, and played dummy's low spade. When East had to put up his King, South conceded a diamond to the Ace and claimed the rest. But South was sure to make his contract even if East had been able to win the spade trick with the Jack. He would then have to return a club or a diamond. South would force out the diamond Ace, put up the spade Ace on West's spade return, and discard dummy's spade Queen on his own fourth diamond.

OFF THE RECORD
By ED REED

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you held:

♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ K 6 4 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K J 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	(7)	

ANSWER: Bid five hearts. On the bidding, your partner should be short of spades. Your hand is sure to fit whether his side strength is in diamonds or in clubs. Furthermore, you have no assurance that you can defeat four spades, so have no real choice. Score 100% for five hearts, 60% for five clubs, 30% for pass.

Question No. 682

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K 6 4 3
 ♥ 7 5 8
 ♦ Q J 9 8 3 2
 ♣ 8

The bidding:

Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	2♥	(7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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They mean that the child is using up his energy far more quickly than he is replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep,

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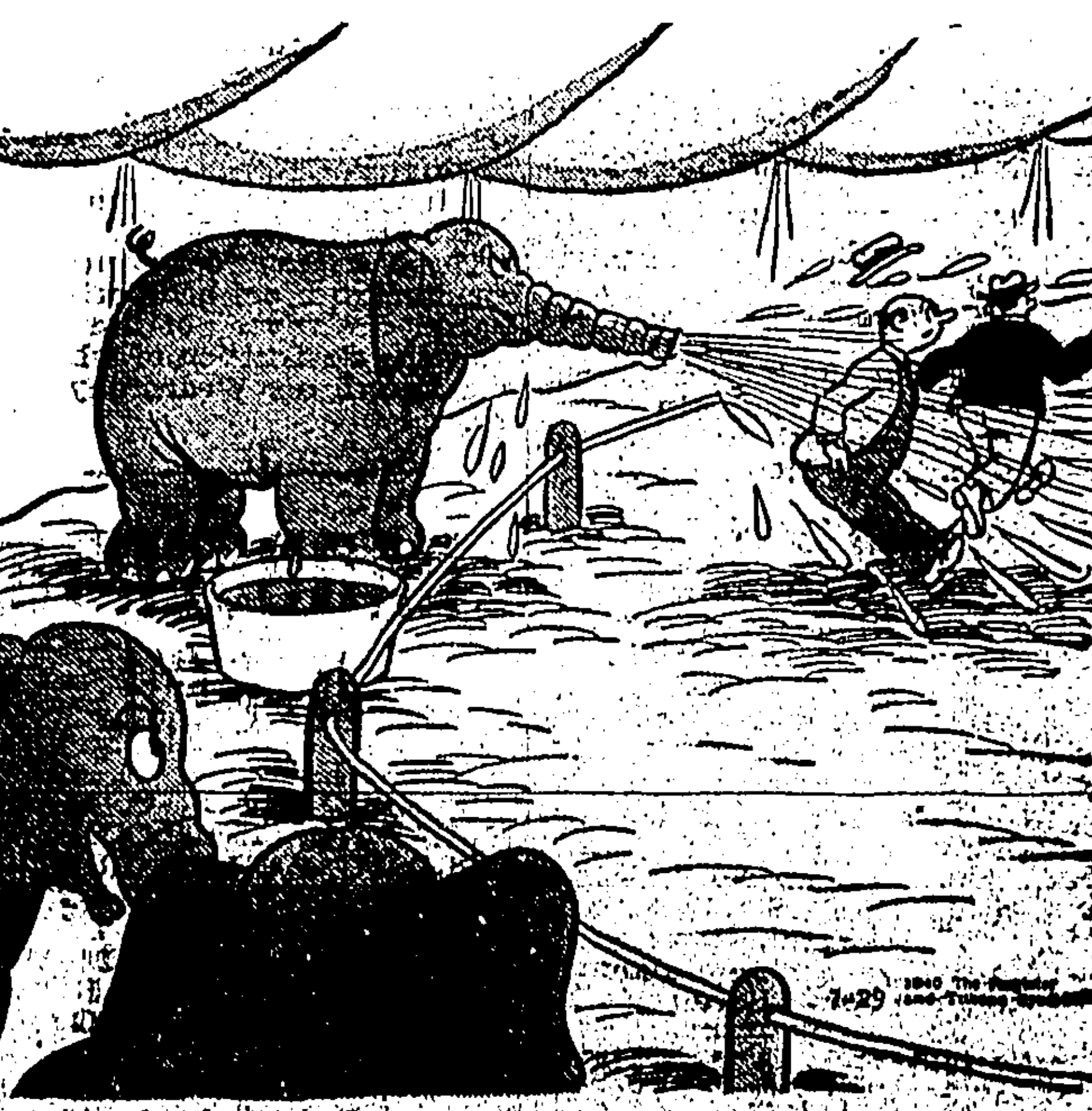
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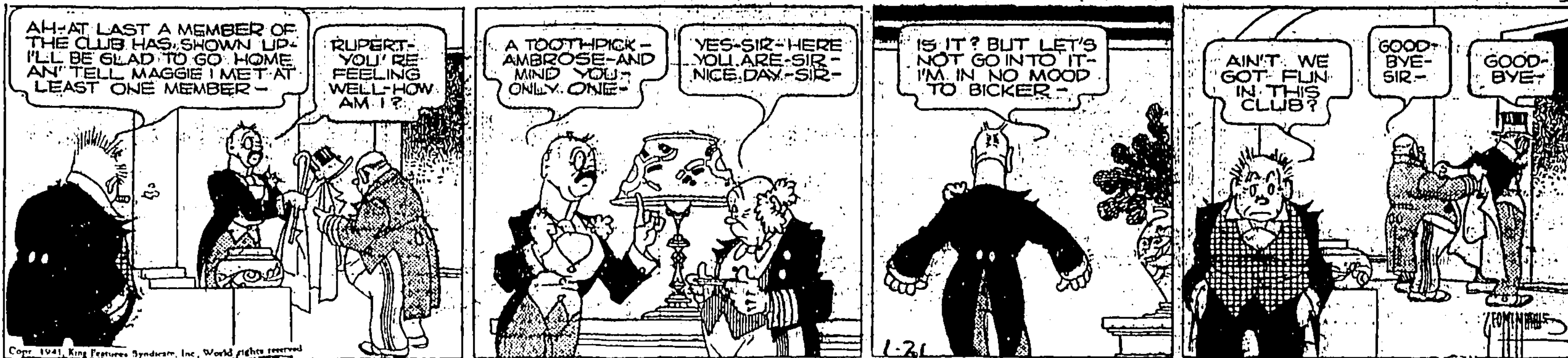
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5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.32 p.m.—A French Variety Programme.
 Parade D'Orsay—One Step... L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orch.
 Mon Amour (de Badet); Il Pleurait (Revil); Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 6.40 p.m.—Studio—Talk on The National Association for the Care of War Orphans by Dr. Irene Ho Cheng.
 6.45 p.m.—French Variety Programme continued.
 Au Fond De Tes Yeux (de Lima); Oui Je Suis De Paris (Oberfeld); Mistinguett (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 Elle Lisait Marie-Claire (Charlys); L'Assemblée Du Village (Alexander); L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra. Pour Sa Payse (Borel); Jean Cyrano with Chorus & Orchestra.
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.
 7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
 Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet Again... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans Rumba-Marcas; Pasodoble—Nino De Jerez... Tejeda & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—One Look At You (Mill 'A Night at Earl Carroll's'); A Million Dreams Ago. Quicksteps—No Mama, No; Sweet Little Sweetheart... Joe Loss & His Orchestra. Waltzes—Two Hearts in Waltz Time; Don't Ask Me Why... Harry Horlick & His Orchestra.
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

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8.02 p.m.—An Hour of English Variety.
 Vocal—F. D. R. Jones (Rome); Follow the White Line... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys. Comedienne—The South is the Place for Me (Braham & Others); Why Has A Cow Got Four Legs... Cicely Courtneidge assisted by Wilson Hallett. Organ—My Wishing Song (Kahal & Burke)... Jesse Crawford. Humorous—Arguments... Clapham and Dwyer. Organ—The Old Spinning Wheel (Hill)... Jesse Crawford. Vocal—Willow, Tit Willow (Parr Davies)... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys. Vocal—Our Greatest Successes... Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert with Orchestra. Humorous—The Seaside (Crick & Others); Clothes (Crick & Others)... Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Piano. Orch.—The Dancing Years—Selection (Novello)... The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Comedian—Celebratin' (Hill 'Lime-light'); Tap Your Toesies (Hill 'Jack of all Trades')... Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
 9.30 p.m.—Request Classical Programme.
 1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky)... The Philharmonic Orchestra with the Ural Cossacks' Choir; Spanish Dance (Granados)... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano; Ah! Moon of My Delight (In a Persian Garden—Lehmann)... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra; Hungarian Dance No. 11 in D Minor (Brahms)... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano acc.; Acceleration—Waltz (Joh. Strauss)... Orchestra Mascotto.
 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Correspondence Column by Sidney Hornblow.
 10.15 p.m.—Request Classical Programme continued.
 'Ruy Blas'—Overture (Mendelssohn)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Spring Had Come ('Hiawatha'—Coleridge-Taylor)... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) (Purcell)... Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the Halle Orchestra; Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber. Onaway! Awake! Beloved ('Hiawatha'—Coleridge-Taylor)... Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Covent Garden. Brahms' Waltzes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Op. 39... Annette Kitain. Invitation to the Waltz, Op. 65 (Weber)... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Let The Bright Seraphim ('Samson'—Handel)... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92 (Beethoven)—3rd Movement Only—Presto... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

FORGED NOTE ALLEGATION

Yu Chik-yiu, 22, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with uttering and being in possession of a forged note. It is alleged that accused uttered a forged ten-dollar banknote, purporting to be of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, at No. 148, Queen's Road Central on Wednesday.
 Mr. C. D'Almada is appearing for the defendant, while Detective Sergeant F. Willson is in charge of the case, which was adjourned to April 6.

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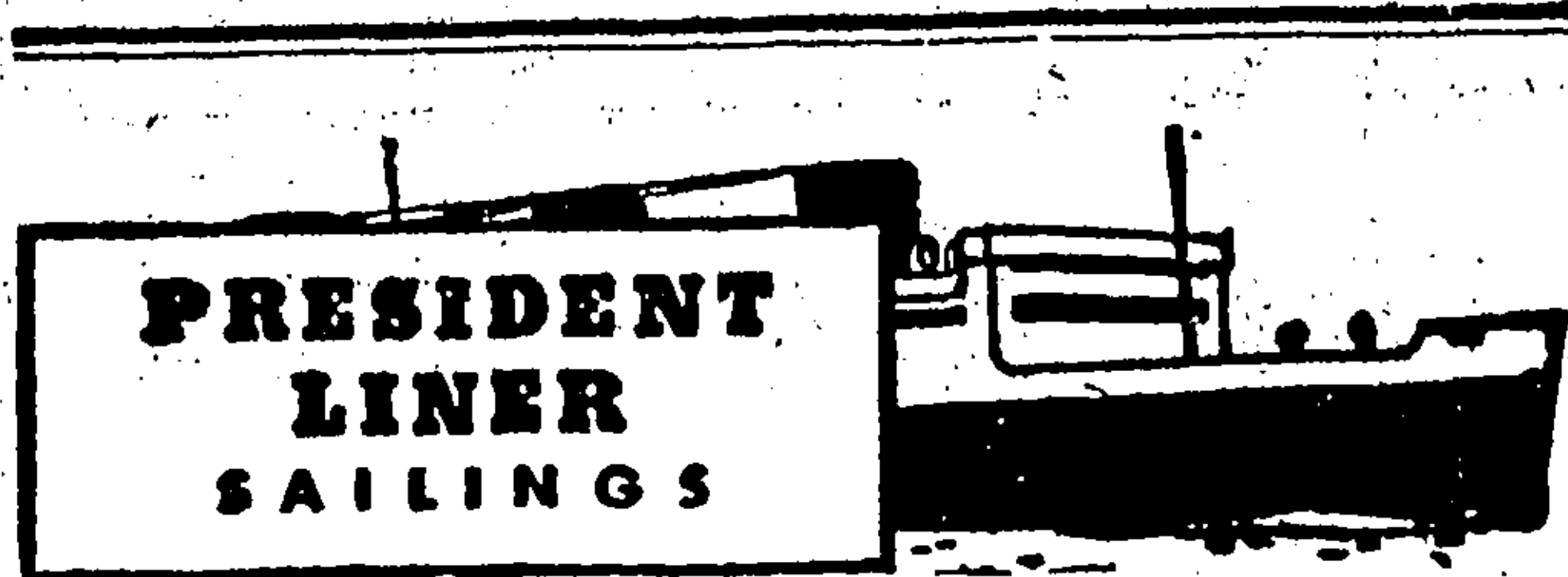
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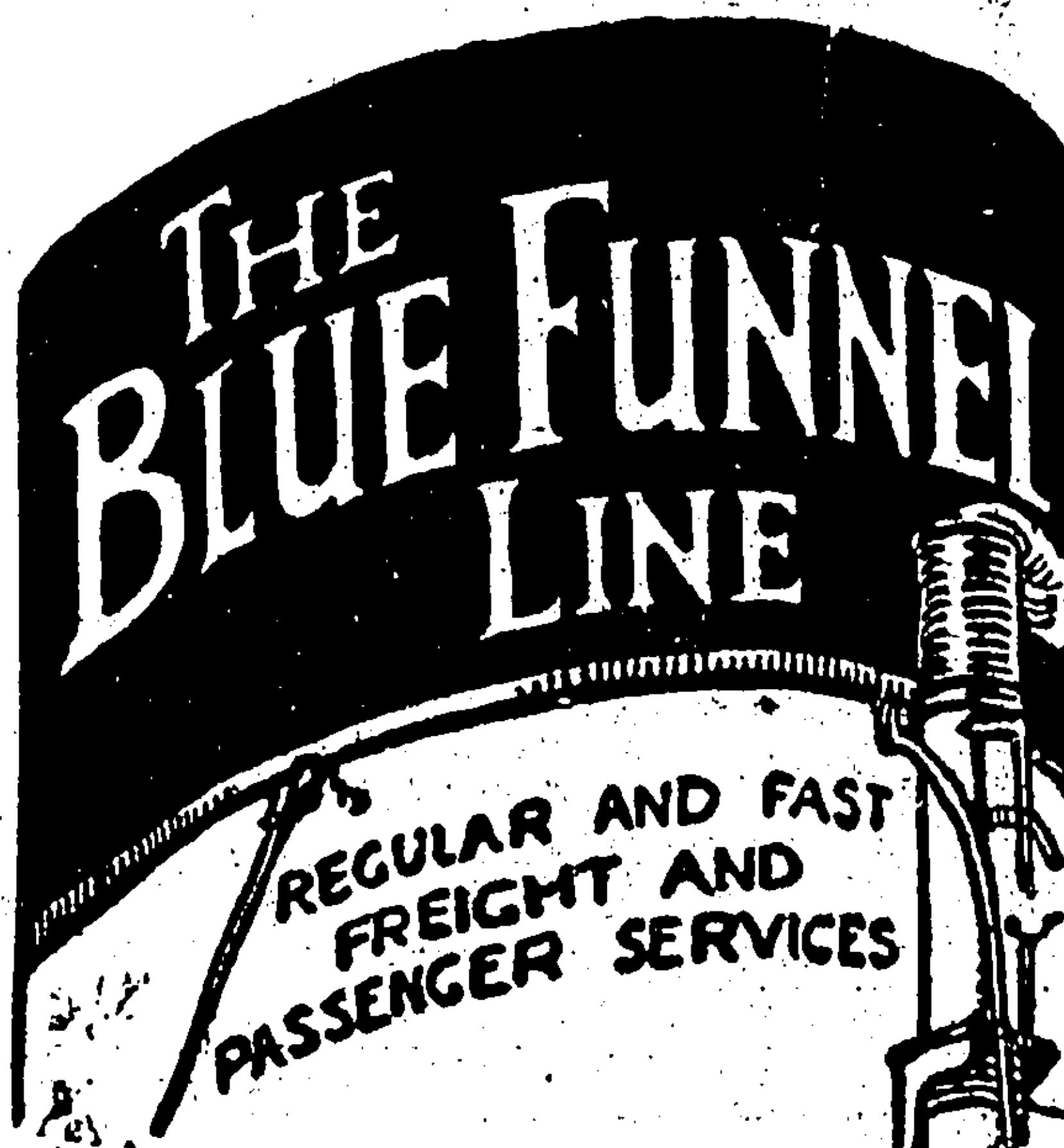
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FAIRY OUSEL FAVOURED FOR MACAO MAIN EVENT

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided On Fifth Race

By "Rapier"

RACING ENTHUSIASTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF ENJOYING THEIR FAVOURITE SPORT ON SUNDAY, WHEN MACAO JOCKEY CLUB WILL HOLD THE MEETING, POSTPONED LAST MONTH.

The first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m., racing starting punctually at 3.00 p.m.

There are six events on the programme, principal being "The Lung Chen Handicap" on the result of which a special \$1.00 sweep has been organised.

The s.s. "TUNG ON" will leave Hong Kong on Sunday morning at 8.00 a.m., returning from Macao on Monday, at 3.00 a.m.

RACE NO. 1. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The opening race of the day is for first section of "E" Class China ponies and, from the entries, Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should have little difficulty in winning, although Dow-Jones (Mr. S. L. Yuen) will have to be reckoned with on account of its win in the Dublin Handicap over the same distance at Fanling when it was made favourite, may do better on Sunday with Mr. B. L. Tao, its stable jockey, up, while Matador (Mr. S. C. Liang) is also capable of extending the above ponies if on form.

I nominate Piet Hein to win, however, with Dow-Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class China ponies will figure in this event. Sports Venture, for its win in the Szechuen Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting in Macao, has been penalised by 7 lb. It will again be taken out by Mr. J. Nolasco, a fast improving novice jockey of the Macao Colony, who will have 5 lb. allowance, so that it will actually be carrying only 2 lb. more on Sunday. I think it has a good chance of winning again, although Gallant Marshal (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was third in the above race, with a 5 lb. reduction in weight since they last met, may extend it.

New Bedford (Mr. L. B. Chao) is quite a speedy animal, but I have little information regarding its current form.

I nominate Sports Venture to take first place, with Gallant Marshal second and New Bedford third.

RACE NO. 3. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race for "E" Class China ponies and, on the strength of its last win in the Szechuen Handicap (Third Sec-

tion) at Macao when carrying 150 lb. with Mr. Nolasco up, I see no reason why National Anthem, with 3 lb. less on account of the 5 lb. allowance for the novice jockey, should not secure another win. It should, however, receive stern opposition from Black Diamond (Mr. W. N. Yeh) the second pony in the above race, which will be running on equal terms as against the 4 lb. it was conceding when it was defeated by a length.

Cuban Love (Mr. K. I. Ip), with another 7 lb. off in weight, should again be placed, while Tac's Adventure (Mr. Chao), which has been demoted from the second section, should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

National Anthem should win, with Black Diamond second and Cuban Love third, leaving Mac's Adventure a possible for an upset.

RACE NO. 4. THE LINGNAN HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS

This race will be contested by "D" Class China ponies and, in view of the short distance, the thing to do will be to look for sprinters. In my opinion the finish will be fought out between Blue Field (Mr. Chao), Love's Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying).

Lovely Star, which came in second to Eve of Peace in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys on the second day of the Annual Meeting, has a good chance of winning its first race in Macao as it is noted for its speed over this distance. It will, however, have Night Express to reckon with as this pony came in third in the Kongmun Plate over the mile at the Valley at the last meeting and is also fast.

Blue Field is now very fit and is capable of causing an upset, which however, I do not anticipate just yet.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Night Express second and Blue Field third.

RACE NO. 5. THE LUNG CHEN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be for "Y" Class China ponies, which have started at a race meeting during 1940. On the result of this race the big \$1.00 sweep depends.

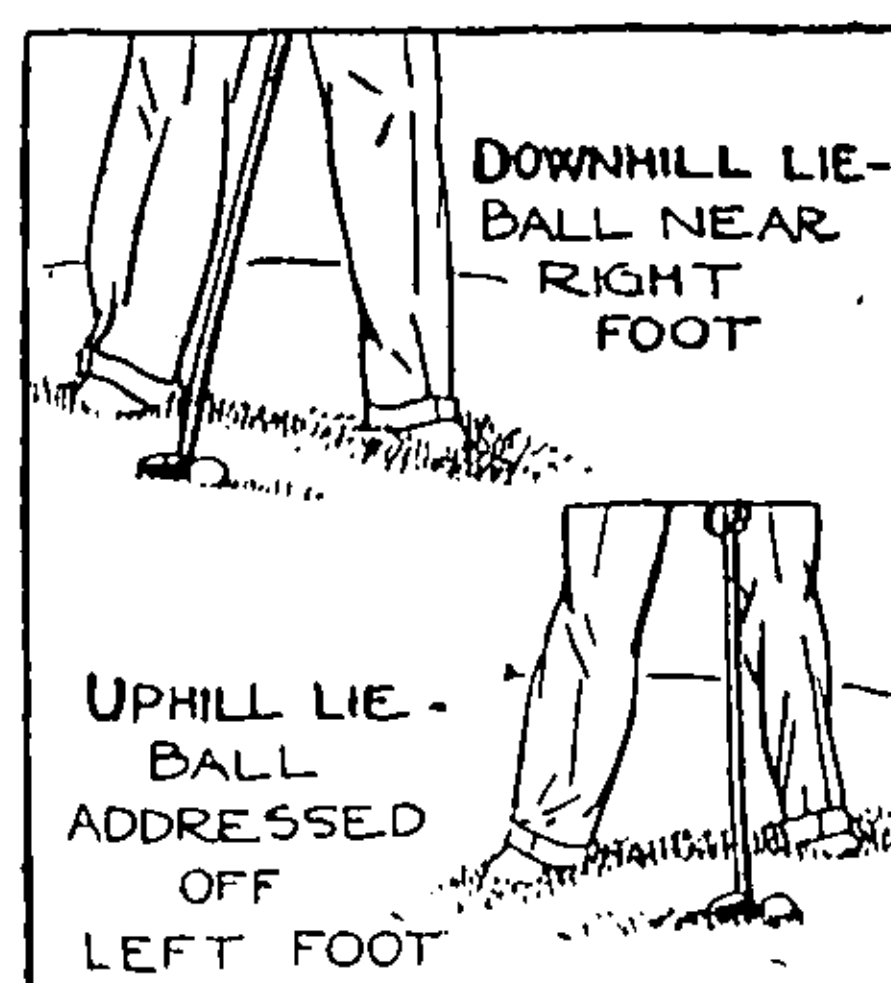
Fairy Ousel (Mr. Wei) won the Chung Hwa Handicap over this distance at the January meeting and has been penalised by 7 lb. but, as it won comfortably on that occasion, I don't think the extra weight will prevent it from winning again. It should be sternly opposed by Shanghai 4 (Mr. K. Kwok), which was second in this same race, as it will have an advantage of 10 lb. Meadow Eve (Mr. S. W. Pan) was a disappointment in the Chung Hwa Handicap, although it came in third. It should do better this time with an allowance of 4 lb. from Fairy Ousel. Fairy Auk should do well if taken out by an experienced jockey.

Fairy Ousel is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6. THE SHEKKI PLATE: SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race of the day and novice jockeys will be given mounts on "X" Class China ponies that have not won more than \$100 in stakes since January 1, 1941. The Spirit of St. Louis (Mr. Nolasco) won the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting last year, and on that performance alone should account for this race; it is far superior to the others entered. Only opposition I envisage should come from The Mermald (Mr. Yeh), while other ponies that may cause upsets are Iron Knight (Mr. Lo Kwong-16) and National Triumph (Mr. K. Kwok).

GRAPHIC GOLF



Uphill-Downhill

By BEST BALL

Rolling terrain on golf courses presents many occasions when the ball must be played from an uphill or downhill lie. Balance is essential in both instances and for the uphill lie, this is best maintained by having the ball located off the left foot using a normal stance. A slight bend in the left knee, keeps the body on even keel, similar to knee action in a motor car. During the backswing an effort must be made to keep a measure of weight on the left foot as this guards against the tendency to fall away from the ball, a not unnatural reaction under the circumstances.

On downhill lies the ball is located nearer the right foot. This position plus the use of a more lofted club than usual under similar distance requirements, will tend to get the ball into the air. It is essential that the player make certain of following through, keeping the clubhead travelling as close to the ground as possible.

Next Article:—The Backstroke.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—

AT RECREIO Junior Singles

P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (8 p.m.)

A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (9 p.m.)

Senior Doubles

C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (8.30 p.m.)

Joe Louis tells one on himself. A Negro bootblack was doing a good job on a customer's shoes when the customer inquired: "What do you think about Joe Louis making those stump speeches for the Republicans?" "Just what you could expect," replied the bootblack. "Dom millionaires always stick together."

Until he caught up with Henry Armstrong, Fritz Zivic had to fight to eat, which is why his start against Al Davis at Madison Square Garden recently was his 14th of the year.

Taking everything into consideration, however, I fancy The Spirit of St. Louis to win, with The Mermald second and National Triumph third.

VOLUNTEERS' FINE SHOWING IN H.K.R.A. MACHINE-GUN MATCH

A FAIRLY HIGH standard prevailed at Kowloon City Rifle Range yesterday, the rifle meeting being continued in favourable weather.

For the first time in history, it is understood, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has placed in the machine-gun match, their Team 1, comprised of members of the Mobile Column, being runners-up to Team 1, of 5/7th Rajputana Regiment.

Apart from their winning this event, Rajputana Regiment also carried off the honours in the services team revolver match with a total of 442 points, beating their nearest rivals, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, by a single point.

M'Sex. Success

The Company match was won by "C" Company, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, when they scored 342 points to beat H.M.S. Tamar, who came second, by 16 points, while their "H.Q." Company won the platoon match with a score of 321 points.

Lance-Corporal Allo, of Royal Engineers, led the list of 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle championship.

Several competitors, who scored similar points on Wednesday in the deliberate competition, will fire off this morning.

Following were yesterday's results with scores in brackets:—

Machine-Gun Match:—1, Team 2, 5/7th R.R. (169); 2, Team 1, H.K.V.D.C. (147); 3, Team 1, 5/7th R.R. (115); 4, Team 1, 1st Bn. Mdx. (98); 5, "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (91); 6, Team 2, H.K.V.D.C. (69); 7, Team 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (60) and 8, "D" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (42).

Services Team Revolver Match:—1, 5/7th R.R. (442); 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (441); 3, 2nd Bn. R.S. (386); 4, H.M.S. Tamar, (374) and 5, Corps of Military Police (372).

Company Match:—1, "C" Company, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, (342) and 2, Royal Marines, Tamar, (326).

Platoon Match:—1, "H.Q." Coy. 1st Mdx. (321); 2, H.M.S. Tamar, (309); 3, 5/7th Rajput Regiment (308); 4, 5/7th Rajputs Regiment (1), (302); 5, "H.Q." Coy. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, (288); 6, 5/7th Rajput Regiment (2), (279); 7, 1st Middlesex "C" Company, (277) and 5/7th Rajput Regiment (4), (277); 8, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "C" Company 14 Platoon, (269); 10, 1st Middlesex "A" Company, (262); 11, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "B" Coy. 12 Platoon, (238); 12, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (235); 13, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "A" Coy. 9 Platoon, (213); 14, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "D" Coy. 17 Platoon, (212) and 15, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (211).

Association Service Rifle Championship:—1, L/Cpl. Allo, R.E. (48); 2, Sgt. Cole, R.M. (46); 3, Sgt. Sargent, H.K.P. (44); 4, Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P. (41); 5, Cpl. Langford, 1st Mdx. (41); 6, Sgt. Rushman, R.M. (39); 7, W.O. Tolison, R.A.F. (38); 8, L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. (38); 9, Cpl. Gash, R.A.F. (37); 10, Sgt. Griffith, R.M. (37); 11, Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P. (37); 12, Mne. Croft, R.M. (37); 13, Mne. Richardson, R.M. (36); 14, Cpl. Henley, R.A.F. (32); 15, Sgt. Priddy, 1st Mdx. (31); 16, Sgt. Booth, 2nd R.S. (29); 17, Piper Stewart, 2nd R.S. (27); 18, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Mdx. (22); 19, Pte. Buller, 1st Mdx. (20) and 20, Pte. Sturges, 1st Mdx. (18).

Craigengower Teams

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in League Cricket matches to-morrow:

1st XI v University (Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmaill, A. J. Hulme, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.

2nd XI v Recreio (Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmaill, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

FINAL SERVICES BOXING COMPETITION NEXT WEEK

Royals Out To Retain Trophy

By "Squaddy"

ON Tuesday and Wednesday the last of the Command boxing competitions will be held at Murray Barracks, commencing at 8.30 p.m. each evening. It will be the Inter-Unit team boxing championship, between Royal Artillery, Royal Scots and Middlesex Regt.

The draw for this competition is as follows:—
Royal Artillery v Royal Scots (Tuesday).

Winners of the above v Middlesex Regt. (Wednesday).

Winners of this competition last year were Royal Scots; it will be remembered that they won on the last fight of the evening, between Sgt. Elliot and Drum-Major Holdford, the final standing being Royal Scots 23 and the Middlesex 22.

This was Sgt. Elliot's last fight for his battalion, and he is now trainer of the Scots' team. He is counting on them retaining the trophy for another year. Both Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment have lost some of their prominent boxers but a good show is expected all the same.

The Governor's trophy, which was presented last year for the major boxing event in the Colony, will also be presented to the winner of the competition. This trophy was presented by H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and, if in the future, there is a contest, senior to that held by the Services, it will be presented to the winners of that competition.

The teams for Tuesday night will not be known until after the weigh-in on Tuesday morning.

Combined Small Units tried hard to raise a team but could only find 12 men suitable for the contest and had to withdraw their entry.

Last year's results were as follows:—

Bantamweight:—Bailey (Royal Scots) K.O. Hope (Middlesex).
Featherweight:—Corrigan (Royal Scots) beat Noble (Middlesex); Phillips (Middlesex) beat Brown (Royal Scots).

Lightweight:—Gilroy (Middlesex) beat Barker (Royal Scots); Gribble (Middlesex) beat Wiseman (Royal Scots); Cavanagh (Royal Scots) beat Geist (Middlesex).

Welterweight:—McGready (Royal Scots) beat Williams (Middlesex); Eaton (Middlesex) beat Callaghan (Royal Scots); Ritchie (Royal Scots) beat Wilson (Middlesex); Elliot (Royal Scots) beat Holdford (Middlesex).

Middleweight:—Emerson (Royal Scots) lost to McGrady (Middlesex); More (Royal Scots) K.O. Roberts (Middlesex); Cooper (Royal Scots) beat Bridle (Middlesex).

Lightweight:—Marshall lost to Fox (Middlesex).

Heavyweight:—Moran (Middlesex) beat Alexander.

ASSOCIATION

FOOTBALL

ROYAL SCOTS added another win to their list on Wednesday by defeating the Shield finalists, the Navy, by 3-1. This is the third game the Scots have won in succession and they have scored eight goals against one.

Royal Engineers made sure of the Second Division at Sookunpoo on Wednesday by defeating Sing Tao by 3-1, this being the fourth trophy that they have won this season. Their successes so far have been the Small Units Rugby competition, Large Units Rugby competition, Large Units cricket and the H.K.F.A. League Division II, and they have a fine chance of winning the Army seven-a-side Rugby tournament, which is starting on Tuesday.

Royal Army Service Corps lost their chance of getting on top by only drawing with South China on Tuesday, but they are now concentrating on winning the Junior Shield, in which they have a very good chance.

Third Division honours are likely to be played off for by Royal Signals and Air Force, who are

now level on points and games. To-morrow both have easy games to play but anything is liable to happen. Signals play 35th Bty., R.A. and Air Force play Shell. There has been one change in the Army team for their match with South China to-morrow at Causeway Bay, Coomer, Middlesex, coming in at outside-right in place of Sgt. Owens, Royal Artillery, who is unable to play.

SWIMMING

A MEETING of Unit swimming representatives was held on Tuesday at Scandal Point Hall, and the following points were brought to notice.

The Command Swimming sports would be held in September in the Army baths. The public will be invited to attend.

Water-polo and swimming this season will be held as two separate events, the final of the water-polo being held on the final day of the swimming meeting.

It was not decided as to the holding of the one-mile and half-mile races, which were cancelled last year owing to cholera, and units were asked whether they were in agreement with holding these races if the Medical authorities gave the necessary permission. Entries for the Command Swimming sports will close in August.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Sai" Aromin.—You are under a misapprehension. The tournament in question was being arranged by the Army and we had nothing to do with the organisation. — Sports Ed.

EASTERN RETURNING

Eastern Athletic Association, whose remaining matches in Manila have been cancelled as the result of a decision of the P.A.A.F. following a fight among spectators during the Eastern — Y.C.O. match, are returning to the Colony during the week-end.

Eastern were originally to play five games in Manila but only played one against the Combined St. Thomas and Letran Universities.

SPORTS CLUB MEETING

The question of the abolition of temporary voting members and the right of every member to enjoy full privileges was raised at the annual meeting of the Sports Club yesterday. Mr. M. H. Lo presided.

New General Committee

The following were elected to the general committee.—M. M. Watson, U. Sz-wing, Lam Ming-fan, Major C. M. Mannors, Wong Sik-chung, M. H. Lo, Horace Lo, F. W. Shaftain, H. C. Macnamara, Ezra Abraham, W. T. Stanton, Kenneth Chan.

Messrs. M. K. Lo, R. Lasala, Fook S. Ko, Tang Shiu-kin, J. K. Ross, R. E. Raschle were elected members of the balloting committee.

Great Effort By T.A. Pearce

Although 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce made a great effort to pull the game round, 5th. A. A. Regiment, R. A., were badly beaten by 7 wickets by Royal Army Service Corps in the final of the Army Small Units Knock-Out Competition.

When stumps were drawn on Wednesday, Service Corps, thanks to fine bowling by Martin and Young and a big innings by Logan, were 91 runs on with three wickets in hand, Martin being undefeated with 10 and Govier with six. Resuming yesterday morning the total was carried to 187, Martin going on to make 24 and Govier 16.

Led by 121 runs on the first innings, the Ack Ack Gunners, with the exception of T. A. Pearce, again failed with the bat and were all out for 144, of which Pearce claimed no fewer than 94, in which were 15 fours.

R. A. S. C. knocked off the necessary 24 runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

5TH A.A.

First Innings	Second Innings
Barker, c Mason, b Young	2
T. A. Pearce, c Dewar, b Howell	94
Barsby, b Young	0
J. L. C. Pearce, b Dewar	10
Dobbinson, st Hamlen, b Martin	6
J. Clague, run out	1
P. A. Passmore, l.b.w., b Martin	0
Martin, b Young	2
Morgan, c Young, b French	6
McCadden, c Govier, b Martin	1
Sidders, not out	0
Extras (W2, B18, NB2)	22
Total	144

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	8	1	23	1
Young	9	1	50	3
Martin	10	1	22	3
French	3	0	17	1
Howell	14	0	10	1

Martin and French each bowled a no ball.

R.A.S.C.

First Innings	Second Innings
Logan, c Pearce, b Clague	98
Young, run out	8
French, b T. A. Pearce	4
Hamlen, st McCadden, b T. A. Pearce	5
Benford, b Barsby	8
Howell, c T. A. Pearce, b Dobbinson	8
Dewar, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce	4
Martin, c Barker, b T. A. Pearce	24
Govier, c Jobbinson, b T. A. Pearce	16
Glen, not out	2
Mason, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce	0
Extras (B9, LB1)	10
Total	187

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Passmore	3	0	17	0
T. A. Pearce	16.5	1	49	6
Clague	12	0	79	1
Barsby	5	0	35	1
Dobbinson	3	0	7	1

Seconds Innings

Logan, b Clague	0
Young, b T. A. Pearce	5
French, not out	6
Hamlen, st, b Clague	13
Extras (B1)	1

Total (for 3 wkts.) 25

Benford, Howell, Dewar, Martin, Govier, Glen and Mason did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Clague	3.5	0	15	2
T. A. Pearce	3	0	9	1

HULSE IN FINE FORM

In a friendly cricket match at King's Park yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat H.M.S. Tamar by 94 runs.

D.B.S.—148 (A. J. Hulse 58, G. A. Goodban 32; Douglas 2 for 18, Hogan 2 for 33 and Barton 2 for 43).

H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 13; A. J. Hulse 6 for 24; A. Ibrahim 4 for 22).

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Interesting Match On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

K. H. IP, the South China champion of the last two seasons, seen for the first time by a surprisingly large crowd on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, gave an excellent display against former champion, Tsui Wai-pui, in the Colony singles championship, although he lost in straight sets.

Tsui won 6-4, 6-4.

It is probable that Tsui Wai-pui, having taken the measure of his opponent in the first three games, did not take matters thereafter as seriously as he might have done, but nevertheless there were numerous occasions when Ip executed well-planned coups with the finesse of a veteran.



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fauting:

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.20 a.m.	G. G. Aitkenhead, D. S. Robb.
9.24	H. F. Phillips, A. J. Dennis.
9.28	W. N. A. Smalley, J. Harrop.
9.32	D. A. Baker Carr, A. J. M. Evans.
9.36	J. A. Parrish, R. K. Valentine.
9.40	I. P. Tamworth, K. S. Robertson.
9.44	A. V. Currie, L. Jackson.
9.48	P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.
9.52	G. Dodds, G. Thomerson.
9.56	P. V. McLane, T. Megarry.
10.00	J. J. van Muihlen, J. G. Jensen.
10.04	D. M. Richards, H. C. Margrett.
10.08	A. B. Purves, J. C. Taylor.
10.12	E. A. R. Fowles, R. K. M. Patten.
10.16	B. L. Stock, J. Hart Davis.
10.20	W. L. Alexander, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.24	W. Woodward, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.28	J. Linaker, W. W. C. Sheehan.
10.32	D. MacAlister, D. Allen.
10.36	H. H. Mundy, T. Low.
10.40	P. E. Adams, J. W. Clague.
10.44	Col. Holt, H. A. Mills.
10.48	B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
10.52	F. A. Dindsdale, M. A. Annett.
10.56	S. Tomlinson, J. B. Mackie.
11.00	E. H. Williams, L. A. Calcroft.
11.04	A. D. Humphreys, G. M. Park.
11.08	Col. Rose, F. A. Redmond.
11.12	I. H. C. Hight, A. V. Greaves.
11.16	D. F. Hughes, R. M. M. King.
11.20	A. Plummer, D. I. Bosanquet.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	R. Young, R. Forrest.
9.24	A. W. Bourne, I. H. Geare.
9.28	R. C. Gairdner, G. T. Harrington.
9.32	J. W. Anderson, Capt. Thursby.
9.36	S. H. and M. C. Dodwell.
9.40	T. E. Pearce, G. F. Murphy.
9.44	J. L. C. Pearce, J. W. Clague.
9.48	R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.
9.52	A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Pann.
9.56	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
10.00	R. S. W. Paterson, E. L. Groome.
10.04	M. H. Turner, F. C. Young.

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There were several glaring shortcomings in his game and at the outset he was obviously nervous, while at crucial moments he was apt to make foolish errors, but these lapses can be attributed to lack of experience which time should do much to eradicate.

Fine Forehand

Ip's forehand drive was his most profitable stroke yesterday. Hit cross-court into his opponent's forehand corner, it was a difficult shot to return and at no time was Tsui able to deal with it with his usual confidence. His sliced drive down the sideline was also a good shot, the ball running away after hitting the ground and keeping very low. On the backhand he showed a definite weakness and was quite unable to attack on this wing.

Ip, on the occasions that he took the forecourt, volleyed crisply and accurately, while overhead he really hit the ball when he could reach it comfortably.

It was noticeable, however, that when hurried, Ip was often at a loss. His lobbing was not very accurate and his backhand insufficiently powerful to permit a passing shot.

Nevertheless he never gave up trying and his plucky attempts to return some of Tsui's best efforts won the acclaim and sympathy of the crowd.

Definitely maintaining the promise of his earlier match against Ho Ka-lau, Ip is without doubt the most promising newcomer to the tournament for many seasons—this year is the first time he has appeared.

Tsui's game is very much the same as it was last year. He made his usual quota of inexplicable errors and, when he so desired, the inevitable winner.

His service shows little improvement and in his first service game he was guilty of no fewer than three double faults.

Until he is seen against either of the Rumjahns, probably the only players in Hong Kong for whom he has any great respect, it will be hard to form a definite opinion as to how well he really is playing.

Opportunity Missed

In the first set Ip led 2-1, was led 5-2, and lost 6-4, and the second set was almost identical. He had a great chance of levelling at 5—all in the second set, when he led 40-30 on service at 4-5, but he then put up a double fault and Tsui made no further mistake.

In the later stages there were some brilliant rallies with both men returning virtual winners, and throughout, the tennis was always interesting to watch.



OTHER RESULTS

Other results were as follows:
Club handicap doubles—E. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-4, 6-4.
H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat D. S. R. 6-4, 6-4.
Club mixed doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet 6-3, 6-0.



TODAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme—

Open Singles
A. Crawford v. George Choa (4); I. M. A. Razack v. S. A. Rumjahn (5); M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles
V. R. Gordon (-3/6) v. R. E. Guest (15.1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) or H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) (3).

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Following is the Colony tennis championship programme for next week:—

Monday

Open Doubles
George Choa and A. V. Remedios v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

Club Championship
H. J. Armstrong v. M. Pagh (8).
Club Handicap Singles
T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) (1).

Club Handicap Doubles
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (4).

Tuesday

Open Doubles
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

Club Handicap Doubles
R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (3).

Wednesday

Open Singles
A. Crawford or George Choa v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court); Pang Oi-lam, v. M. Pagh or H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles
J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); C. H. R. Oxlade (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest (-15.1) or F. W. Carter (-1/6) (7).

Club Handicap Doubles
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (15.1) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (-1/6) or A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (3).

Thursday

Open Doubles
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui or W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

Club Championship
T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (6).
V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter (7).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the Hockey Association tournament programme for Sunday:—

10.30 a.m.
Police "A" v. Recreation (Boundary Street, K. Hussain and W. Hodge).
C. B. A. v. Signals (C.B.A., v. Bridge and R. Wellington).
Destroyers v. University (Navy, King's Park, G. Sibgh and E. Vasco).
4 p.m.
5th A.A. "B" v. Engineers (Lyceum, W. Bevan and J. Tomlinson).

The game between Nomads and 2/M.T.B's has been postponed.

UMPIRES FOR LADIES SEVEN-A-SIDES

Meets: T. A. Tins, J. W. Dove and W. Waihen have been appointed to officiate at the Ladies Seven-A-Side tournament to be held to-morrow.



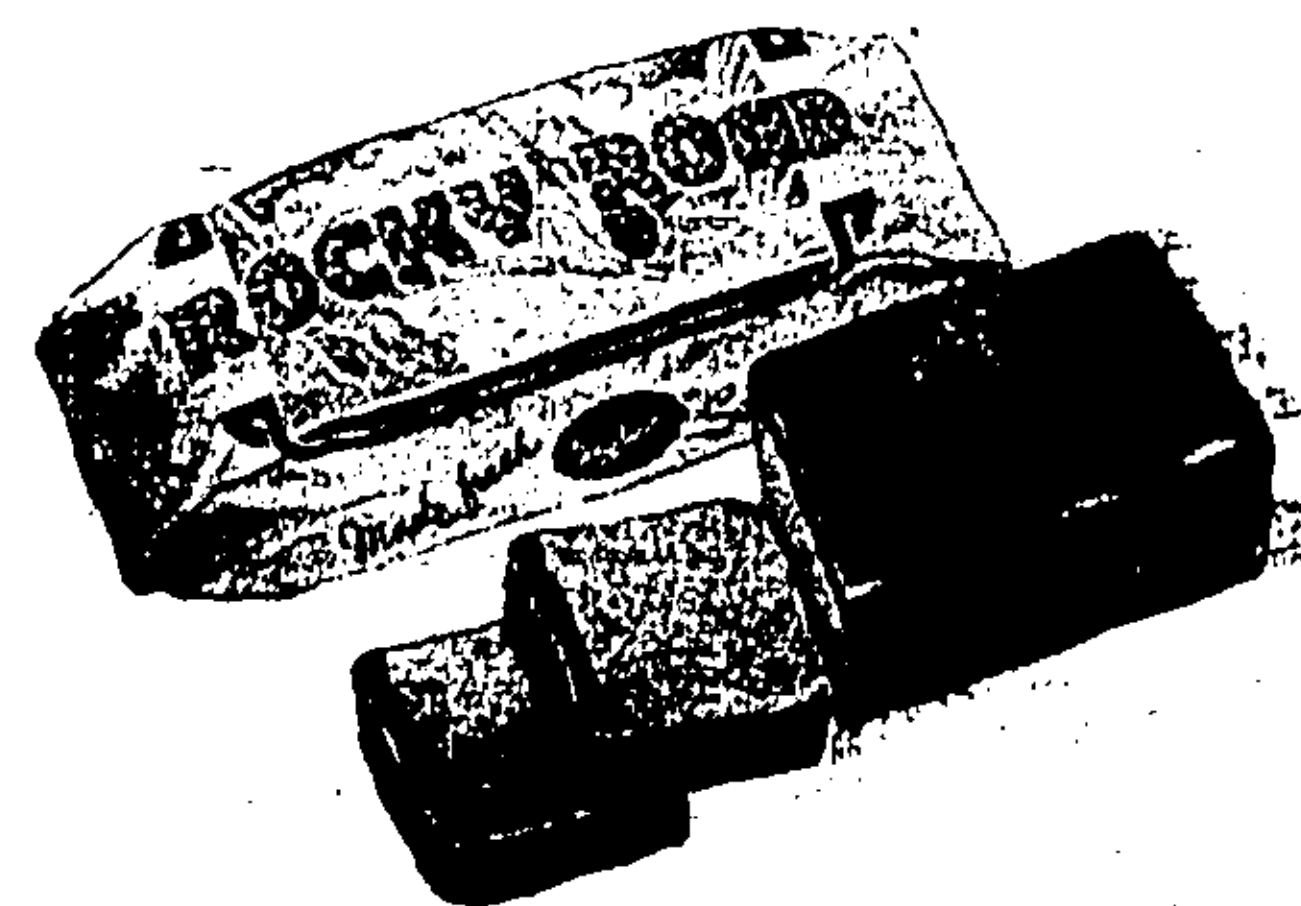
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LEASE AND LEND WILL NOT AFFECT EXCHANGE NEEDS

EFFECT OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S EXPORT POLICY WAS DEALT WITH BY CAPT. OLIVER LYTTLETON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Britain, he said, needs more supplies of every kind from the United States.

The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lease and Lend Act provides for continued supplies of essential goods.

Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is a contribution of first rate importance to our cause.

That was one reason why the British Government still regarded it as a necessity for Britain to maintain and extend its exports to the United States and continues to give every assistance to that trade.

Response Of Buyers

The extent to which this purpose could be achieved of course depended largely on the response of buyers in the United States, and he trusted they would continue to ask for our products.

Experience would, he thought, have demonstrated to them our ability to produce and deliver goods and maintain their traditional high quality. (Cheers).

Freer Exchange

Replying to a further question, suggesting modifications in the law relating to holdings and use of dollar currency by Britons in

the United States and a freer exchange of currency between Britain and the United States, Capt. Brooksbank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasised that in spite of the passage of the Lease and Lend Act our overseas commitments to be met in gold or dollars remained very large.

It therefore remained essential to our war effort that our exchange resources should be conserved to the maximum degree and the exchange control regulations strictly complied with by all concerned.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. personnel landing in Greece from a British warship, drawn up on the quay at the port of Athens, watched by Greek dock officials and sailors. (Copyright, Fox).

DR. MATCHEK PROVIDES TOKEN OF UNITY

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EIRE'S PROTEST TO REICH

Eire has suffered from Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Premier, revealed in the Dail yesterday.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel has been sunk and three others attacked.

In all cases the aircraft had been identified as German, and the Eire charge d'affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate urgent representations to the United States, to remove the restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr. de Valera replied that such representations were made at an early stage in the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences. — Reuter.

BURGLAR KILLED

A YOUNG CHINESE BURGLAR DROPPED TO HIS DEATH FROM THE ROOF OF HUMPHREYS BUILDINGS, KOWLOON, AT 2.30 A.M. TO-DAY.

The man, detected on the second floor of the building, was chased to the roof where he lost his footing and fell below.

The body was removed to the Kowloon mortuary but has not yet been identified.

STOP PRESS

A daring robbery and temporary kidnapping took place in Bonham Strand this morning, according to a report made to the police.

The loss is believed to be in the vicinity of \$13,000.

The victim of the affair was Lam Kwan-hon, assistant manager of the Tak On Import and Export Firm. He had been to a bank in Bonham Strand to draw a substantial sum, about \$13,000 and was walking in the street a few yards east when he was accosted by two men, who bundled him into a waiting car.

The car was driven at high speed towards Shaokwan. Near Talkoo Dock, Lam Kwan-hon was pushed out of the car, which then went off, continuing towards Shaokwan.

Everything points to the palatial Italian liner "Conte Verde," only large Axis vessel left in Shanghai, making an early dash for Japan similar to the German steamer "Ramses" last week.

For the past two days the "Conte Verde" has been seen to be busy taking on fuel, water and foodstuffs.

It is rumoured she will probably go to Kobe, where she may be fitted out as a raider. — Reuter.

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NIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Some enemy activity round the British coasts was reported yesterday but few hostile aircraft flew inland.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties when aircraft dropped bombs near a town on the south-east coast.

Shortly afterwards an enemy plane was shot into the sea by fighters.

An enemy bomber attempting to attack shipping off the south-west coast yesterday was also shot down.

One of our fighters is missing, states the Air Ministry.

London had no alert up to a late hour last night but enemy aircraft were believed to be over several parts of the country soon after dark, including south-west and west country areas and a town in South Wales.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DESTROYERS SUNK

The sinking of two more Italian destroyers is reported in an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

It says the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, reports that an Italian destroyer was sunk by naval aircraft and another left in a sinking condition.

Both these destroyers recently left Matsawa.

These enemy losses, adds the communique, are additional to the Italian destroyer of the Pantera class the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.—Reuter.

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Paddle Steamer In Action

A spirited and successful action was fought on Wednesday between the British paddle-mine-sweeper Lorna Doone (temporary Lt. T. W. Sherrin, R.N.V.R.) and three Dornier bombers.

One enemy aircraft is believed to have been destroyed, a second was seen to be badly hit and the third escaped.

Only casualties in the Lorna Doone were two wounded. The ship sustained only superficial damage, states an Admiralty communique.—Reuter.

All Guns Going

Three enemy aircraft—Dornier 215's—delivered a machine-gun and bombing attack from low clouds. Four large bombs were dropped but the Lorna Doone avoided them by skilful manoeuvring.

The Lorna Doone engaged the enemy with all guns, and shells were seen to burst close round the enemy aircraft.

One Dornier was observed to be on fire and when last seen was losing height rapidly. A few moments after this aircraft had disappeared in the haze two heavy explosions were heard.

A Coastguard station in the vicinity reported large pieces were seen falling off another Dornier. A second communique says that three Messerschmidt 110's were hit by gunfire from H.M.S. Locust during an unsuccessful attack on

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT THAT BENGHAZI, CHIEF SEAPORT AND TOWN IN EASTERN LIBYA, HAS BEEN EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES.

Benghazi was captured on February 6 following the high speed advance by British forces from Derna along the coast road and across the desert.

The military spokesman in Cairo described the operations in Libya as "minor engagements of no particular importance."

Our forward troops, he said, had withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, 90 miles from Benghazi.

The spokesman said South African troops were increasing their pressure after capturing Mieso, Abyssinia.

It is expected in Cairo that Addis Ababa will be declared an open town, owing to the large number of Italian women and children there.

Meanwhile the official Nairobi communique giving news of the capture of Mieso pays a tribute to the cooperation in Abyssinia of the forces under the command of the Air Officer Commanding Aden, saying "These aircraft have carried out many successful attacks on the enemy's rear areas and communications."—Reuter.

Nearing Addis Ababa

Mieso is on the railway from Direddawa to Addis Ababa, about 100 miles from Direddawa and about 150 miles from Addis Ababa.

Reports are still current that the possibility of Italian capitulation cannot be ruled out. It is rumoured, for instance, that the Duke of Aosta has asked General Wavell for his conditions of surrender.

Many Prisoners Taken

A LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ERITREA AND MANY MORE ARE BEING ROUNDED UP.

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one of our convoys in the Thames Estuary. No damage or casualties were sustained by the convoy or Locust.

One enemy aircraft was seen to crash into the sea. Another was hit and so badly damaged that its escape is considered unlikely. A third was seen to be hit.—British Wireless.

BELGRADE AN OPEN TOWN

Belgrade has been declared an open town announced Belgrade radio last night.

Following the declaration the population have been warned that a black-out may be enforced at any moment, the announcer added.

Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, is leaving Zagreb for Belgrade where he will join the Simovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier, confident that every effort will be made to preserve peace.

In an interview, Dr. Matchek said: "I consider it my duty to do all I can to maintain peace for the supreme benefit of humanity, and I have a profound conviction that the present leaders of Serbia and the people of Serbia are as sincerely for peace as I am."—Reuter.

Cairo last night. To ensure the safety of Italian families in Asmara the Italian bishop and chief of police appealed to the British to occupy the town and restore order. THIS IS THE FIRST TANGIBLE SIGN OF SERIOUS DOMESTIC TROUBLE THREATENING THE REMAINING ITALIAN FORCES IN EAST AFRICA.—REUTER.

NATIVE TROOPS RIOT

Rioting by Italian colonial troops in Asmara preceded the entry of the British and Imperial forces into the Eritrean capital.

This was revealed by the British military spokesman in

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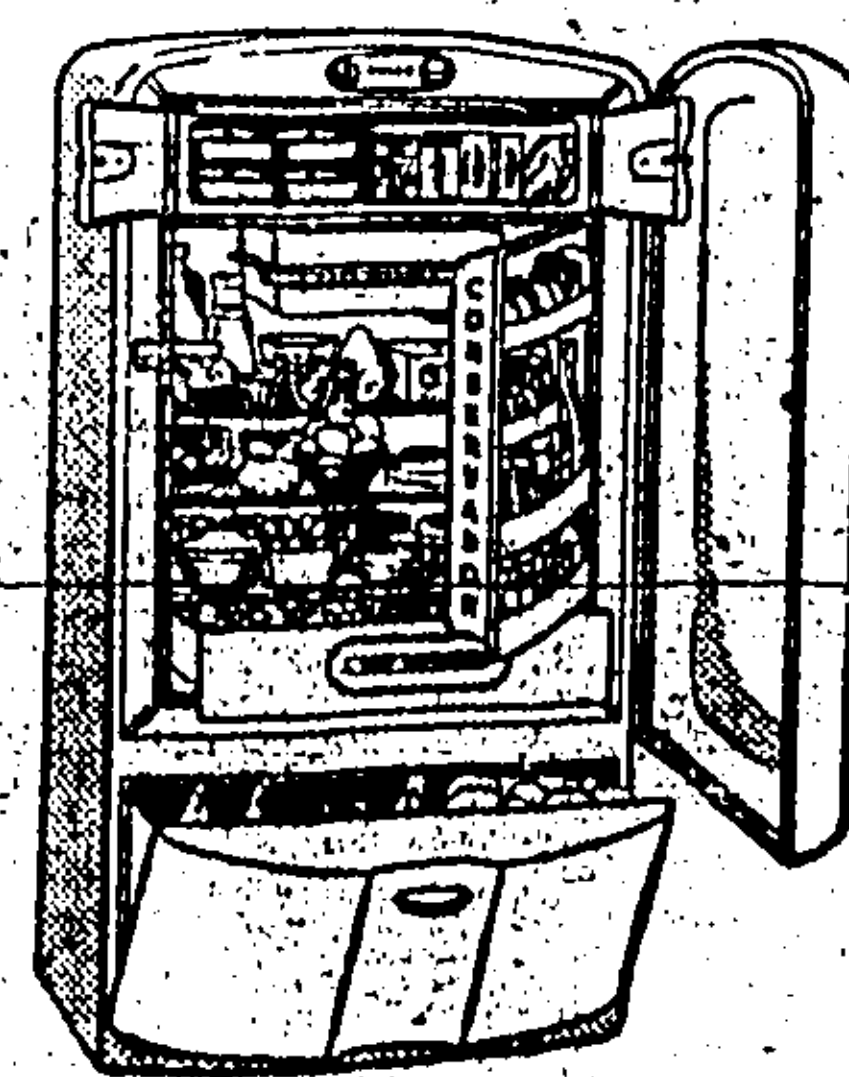
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Count Teleki's Suicide Due To German Pressure

EFFORT TO FORCE RUPTURE WITH YUGOSLAVS

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

COUNT TELEKI, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is Hungary's first victim under the Axis Pact. He committed suicide because he "could not carry on his difficult and unhappy task."

This burden was entirely due to German pressure on Hungary to break with Yugoslavia. One of Count Teleki's proudest successes was his agreement with Yugoslavia, removing the causes of the political friction between the two countries and establishing a basis of peaceful collaboration in mutual confidence and economic understanding.

Germany evidently cannot tolerate friendship between vassal Hungary and independent and spirited Yugoslavia, and Count Teleki, who had shown courage and conscientiousness in administration, has felt the struggle between his principles and German pressure more than he could face.

He has taken a way out that seemed to him easier. **THERE ARE MANY POLITICIANS IN BUDAPEST WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TOOLS OF GERMAN BUT ADMIRAL HORTHY IS ALSO A MAN OF INDEPENDENT MOULD AND HIS CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR TO COUNT TELEKI MAY DELAY IF IT DOES NOT CIRCUMVENT GERMAN PLANS.**

Bulgarians Too

Bulgarians, who also were very delighted with their part of perpetual friendship with Yugoslavia, are similarly being dragged into opposition.

The Bulgar-Serb rapprochement was a very real thing and

had greatly contributed to the pacification of the Balkans. The Germans will not find it easy to poison relations between the two peoples even if they drive the Bulgarians into an appearance of open enmity.

Shot Through Head

A Budapest dispatch to Vichy states that Count Teleki shot himself through the right temple with a pistol.—Reuter.

INDIA REJOICES AT KEREN VICTORY

The Bengal Assembly in Calcutta yesterday adopted a resolution submitted by the Premier conveying rejoicings to the King at the capture of Keren and Harrar and the warmest congratulations to the Indian soldiers and other Imperial troops for their conspicuous gallantry.—Reuter.

COUNT TELEKI'S SUCCESSOR

The Hungarian Premiership, left vacant by the suicide of Count Teleki, has been offered by the Regent, Admiral Horthy, to Laszlo de Bardessy, who has accepted, says a Budapest telegram to the official German news agency.

M. de Bardessy is wellknown in diplomatic circles in London, where for a number of years he was Councillor of Legation and Charge d'Affaires.

He left London in 1934 to become Hungarian Minister to Bucharest, and was appointed Hungarian Foreign Minister in 1938.—Reuter.

APOLOGY TO AMERICA

The Ministry of Aircraft Production in London issued the following announcement yesterday:—

"The attention of the Ministry of Aircraft Production has been brought to a picture caption in the new issue of 'Jane's All the World's Aircraft' inimical to the friendly relations existing between Britain and the United States.

"Neither the publication itself nor the principal editor, Mr. C. G. Grey, has any official status.

"The publishers have stated that they are recalling all copies of the publication, with a view to removing the offensive sentences."—Reuter.

ESSENCE OF LIVING AT STAKE

DECLARING THAT "THE TYRANNY OF MAN OVER ITALIAN AND GERMAN MINDS IS ONE OF THE SADDEST THINGS IN HISTORY," MR. R. G. MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, IN A SPEECH AT BELFAST YESTERDAY, INSTANCED LIBYA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE MOST MISERABLE, WORTHLESS AND DESERTED COUNTRIES ANY MAN EVER LAID EYES ON."

The Australians who had cleared it had millions of acres of desert of their own without wanting more.

What was at stake, he added, was the real essence of living without which they would not care to live at all.

"The essential genius of the British Empire could never be translated into terms of black and white."—Reuter.

INDIA'S ORDNANCE OUTPUT

Further progress in manufacturing in India of miscellaneous items of ordnance stores has enabled the majority of the 40,000 items being available to India.

New items are web equipment, lubricating oil, chemicals and drugs of various kinds.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON CONVOY IN THAMES

The British gunboat Locust shot down one enemy aircraft, badly damaged another and hit a third during an unsuccessful attack on a British convoy in the Thames Estuary yesterday morning, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

DESTROYED THREE OUT OF FOUR

When Flight Lieutenant J. H. Lapsley of the Middle East Command, was awarded the D.F.C. recently, it was mentioned in the official citation that "on one occasion, single-handed, he attacked a formation of four S.79's and destroyed three of them."

It may now be revealed that it was in the battle of Bardia and Fort Capuzzo, a combined operation with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, that Flight Lieutenant Lapsley performed his great feat.

He arrived on the scene of the combat just as five of the S.79's had dropped their bombs well astern of the Fleet, and were making for home as fast as their engines would carry them. One of the five immediately went down in flames—evidently it had fallen a victim to the anti-aircraft fire from one of the warships.

Flight Lieutenant Lapsley at once went for the remainder. Picking out the leader first, he gave him about eight short bursts from the guns of his Hurricane, and the Italian fell away. He fell inside the British lines and the deadliness of Flight Lieutenant Lapsley's shooting is shown by the fact that there were no fewer than 600 bullet holes in the aircraft.

This aircraft was the S.79 which was later on view in Alexandria and Cairo. Tens of thousands paid to inspect it—and to note the work of the British pilot.

Having dealt with the leader, Flight Lieutenant Lapsley went full tilt for a second. He had put only the second burst into the Italian aircraft when it went up in flames.

"I was about a hundred yards away and the flames were too close for comfort," he said, later, "I swerved away and then saw the crew bailing out."

By this time there was only one Italian aircraft left in sight and he was making desperate efforts to escape. He had edged in towards the Libyan coast.

"He was diving like mad for a cloud, but I gave him three or four long bursts, and with one engine smoking, he disappeared," said Flight Lieutenant Lapsley, "I think that he fell into the sea."

As there did not seem to be much more doing Flight Lieutenant Lapsley then made his way back to his base.

"He has proved himself to be a pilot of tremendous enthusiasm and ability," said the official citation, "temperamentally suited for the role of fighter pilot, and he has exploited to the full all opportunities that came his way."

ITALIANS IN RETREAT HARASSED

The harassing of Italian columns retreating from Asmara and the destruction of three enemy bombers in Albania, are among the highspots in yesterday's R.A.F. communique from R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters in Cairo.

Dealing with Eritrea, the communique states that the R.A.F. on Wednesday maintained bomb and machine-gun attacks on enemy transport retreating southwards from Asmara.

Free French aircraft bombed an enemy encampment on the Adowa road, while motor transport on the Dessie-Assab road was bombed and machine-gunned and a number damaged. In Albania, four enemy bombers which attempted to raid Volos (Greece) were intercepted by R.A.F. fighters. Three were shot down and the fourth severely damaged.

In Tripolitania during the night of April 1/2, R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli, directly hitting the mole.

A heavy bombing attack was made on enemy motor transport at Ras Lanuf. Many vehicles were destroyed.

No British machines are missing.—Reuter.

13,500 Aliens Released

Half of the 27,000 enemy aliens detained in Britain and the Dominions have obtained their freedom under the White Paper publishing categories of those eligible for release.

Latest figure of releases is 13,500, of whom approximately 1,300 are Italians and the remainder Germans and Austrians.

Six thousand of those detained went to Australia and Canada and some hundreds of these also will now enjoy their liberty.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 enemy aliens are still interned in Britain and 5,000 overseas. Nearly 2,000 were freed to enable them to enlist in the Pioneer Corps.—Reuter.

GREEKS PRAISE MATAPAN VICTORY

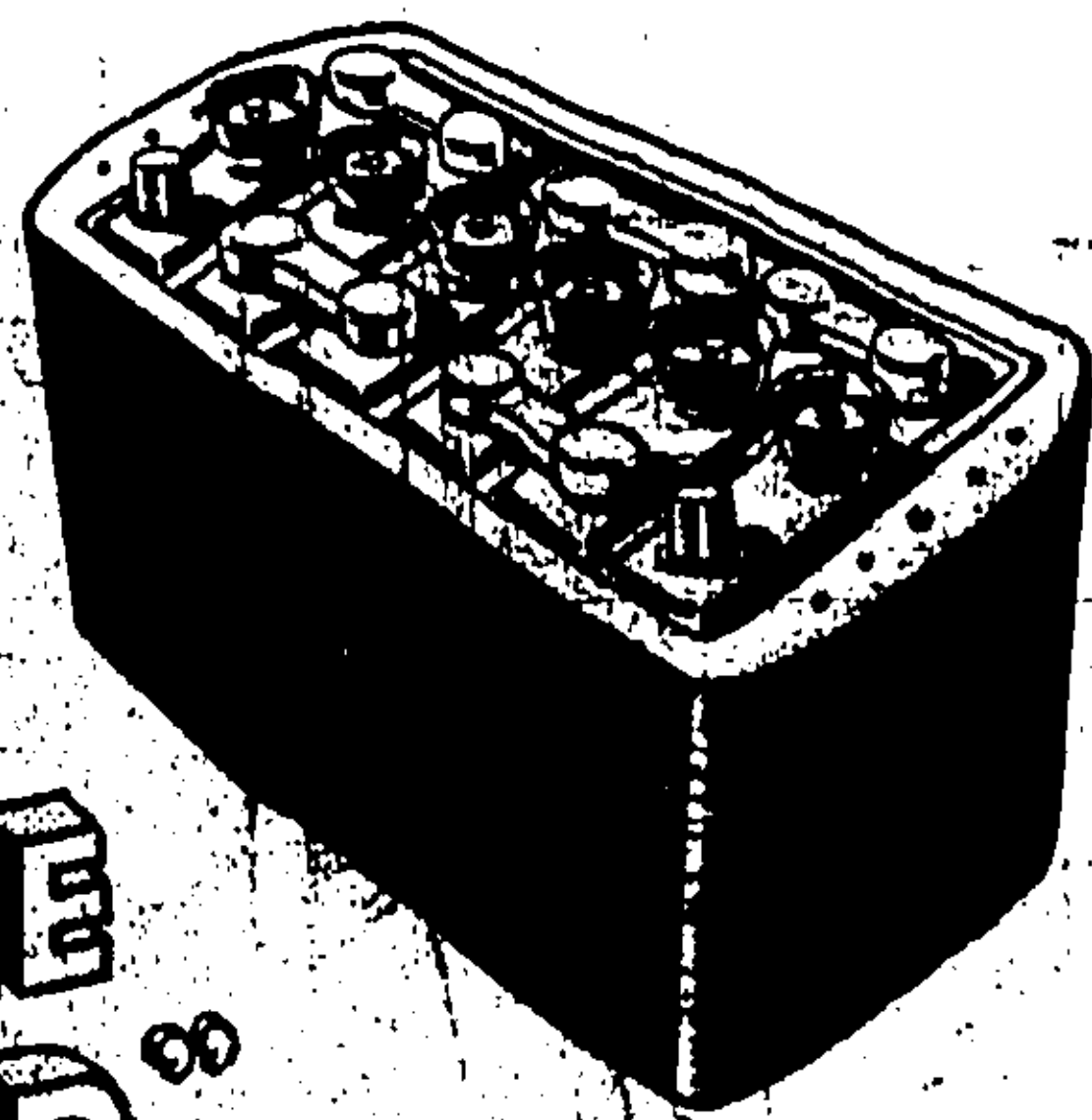
The Admiralty has received the following message from the Under-Secretary of State for the Greek Navy: "Please accept from both the Royal Greek Navy and myself an expression of our admiration, enthusiasm and pride upon the majestic triumph of a glorious and invincible British Fleet against our common foe."—British Wireless.

INDIAN DEFENCE LOANS

The grand total of subscriptions to the all India defence loans to March 29 was over £240,000, says Reuter from New Delhi.



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RECALL OF ITALIAN NAVAL ATTACHE DEMANDED

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Axis Ships May Be Forfeited To The United States

POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORFEIT THE SEIZED AXIS SHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES IS BEING "STUDIED" BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, AND MR. ROBERT JACKSON, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, ANNOUNCED MR. MORGENTHAU IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Meanwhile Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, acting on President Roosevelt's orders, yesterday sent a Note to the Italian Ambassador demanding the immediate recall of the Italian naval attache in Washington, Admiral Alberto Lais.

It is alleged that Admiral Lais was connected with the sabotage of Italian ships in American ports.

The Note, as published by the State Department, says Admiral Lais is "persona non grata to this Government as naval attache of the Royal Italian Embassy in Washington."

It requests "your Excellency's Government to withdraw him immediately from the United States."

The Note continues that the action is being taken because of "various facts and circumstances which have come to the attention of this Government connecting Admiral Lais with the commission by certain persons of acts in violation of the laws of the United States."

Germans Next?

The President has decided that the continued presence of Admiral Lais "would no longer be agreeable to this Government," the Note added.

Mr. Hull said at his press conference he was unable now to take up the question whether similar action might be taken against any German official in the United States.—Reuter.

GERMAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

German Socialist organisations in Britain have banded together "to fight Hitler and his allies with all means at our disposal," according to a joint declaration issued in London yesterday.

The declaration states: "German Socialists in Britain are united in conviction that the military defeat and overthrow of the Hitler regime, the final subjugation of German Nazism and the elimination of the social basis of Hitler's dictatorship are indispensable conditions to permanent peace, of the reconstruction of Europe and of a Democratic and Socialist future for Germany."—Reuter.

GIFTS FROM CHINA

A further gift of \$210,000 from British communities in China, making a total of \$222,000, is acknowledged with grateful thanks by the Minister of Aircraft Production, says Reuter from London.

AT THE RIGHT MOMENT

Two terrible blows have been struck at the Italian fleet, says the "Goteborg Posten," and the latest victory should have as immediate effect that any further serious threat against British communications in the eastern Mediterranean has been countered.

It is not necessary to describe in detail the repercussions this will have in the Balkans.

The Italians, with a reduced fleet, should have entirely lost the appetite to take the risks of another open fight with Admiral Cunningham's fleet.

The victory came also at the right moment, since it has been seen that the Vichy Government do not hesitate to put Admiral Darlan's threat into operation.—Reuter.

OFFICERS' FOOD ABC

"In nine months the Army can make a man fit to take his place as a first-class chef in any hotel in London."

So claims Lieutenant-Quartermaster R. H. Garrod, who is teaching officers at a Northern Command training centre how to make an army march to victory on its stomach.

In six months he has taught 450 Army and A.F.S. messing officers the secrets of appetising cookery.

All officers sent for a ten-day course at this training centre are not enthusiastic about it when they first go, but the lieutenant-quartermaster has an answer for them.

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Men who have been hotel proprietors and caterers in civilian life are amazed at what the Army cook is taught to-day.

"In six weeks," says Lieutenant-Quartermaster Garrod, "we can

ENVELOPED IN ITS OWN SMOKE

A 21-year-old Spitfire pilot who has already won the D.F.C., with a sergeant pilot shot down a JU88 into the English Channel early yesterday.

They intercepted the JU88 about three miles off Beachy Head when flying only 300 feet above the water. Both attacked.

Return fire from the rear gunner was soon silenced. The raider smoking violently, was forced down to 20 feet, then hit the water, turned on its back and disappeared.

A squadron leader who shot down a JU88 on Monday was standing by in a Hurricane yesterday morning when a Dornier 215 appeared near his aerodrome at 6,000 feet. The Hurricane pilot immediately took off and attacked the raider.

Pieces began to fly off the Dornier and it was soon enveloped in its own smoke.

The squadron leader said: "It had fallen to half its original height when it limped into cloud. It had already jettisoned its bombs in a field but even without the load I doubt if it could get back to base."—British Wireless.

KEEPING UP A BOLD FACE

A PREDICTION THAT THE AXIS PACT WOULD LAST FOR A CENTURY WAS MADE BY MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, BEFORE LEAVING ROME FOR BERLIN YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO A ROME DISPATCH TO THE DOMEI NEWS AGENCY.

Mr. Matsuoka said the Pact differed from ordinary alliances which were inspired by the common interests of the signatories, as it is based upon the ideal of creating a new world order which was shared by the three powers.—Reuter.

ENEMY AIR LOSSES

The following are figures from official communiqués of British and enemy aircraft losses for the month of March:—

Over Britain and British coastal waters the Germans lost 71 and the British six.

Over Germany and enemy occupied territories the Germans lost 16 and the British 45.

At sea the Germans lost three, the British none.—British Wireless.

make a man a really useful cook. After three months' training he becomes a really first-class cook. In nine months the Army can make a man fit to take his place as a first-class chef in any hotel in London."

NAZI SEAMEN REFUSE TO PLEAD

Ten German sailors, handcuffed in pairs, were charged before the Federal Court in Boston yesterday with sabotage aboard their tanker, which has been seized by the United States authorities.

The accused men refused to plead.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful and mostly firm yesterday, especially industrials, where gains were widespread with iron and steel prominent, but the markets closed quieter. Gilt-edged were firmly held, and oils and home rails were also little changed. Kaffirs were irregularly lower but African gold mines advanced. Coppers were more active. Japanese and Brazilian bonds were good among foreign issues where there was some buying. Chinese Customs Loans were also good. Wall Street generally was firm.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SHIP'S DASH TO BRAZIL

The Italian freighter Himalaya (6,240 tons) arrived in Rio de Janeiro yesterday direct from Somaliland.

Camouflaged, but unarmed, she is the second Italian ship to arrive in Rio since the war.

The German freighter Babilonga (4,422 tons) cleared the customs at Santos (Brazil) on Wednesday with a cargo of fuel, and is expected to leave soon.

Feverish preparations for departure are still reported from a north Brazilian port where seven Italian cargo ships are laid up.—Reuter.

BROADCASTS TO ITALIANS

Italians in East Africa are now hearing the facts of the war situation.

A daily news bulletin in Italian is being broadcast in Italian Somaliland and in Abyssinia from Nairobi.

The British authorities have started an Italian newspaper in Mogadiscio, which gives the main war news, including British, German and Italian communiqués.—Reuter.

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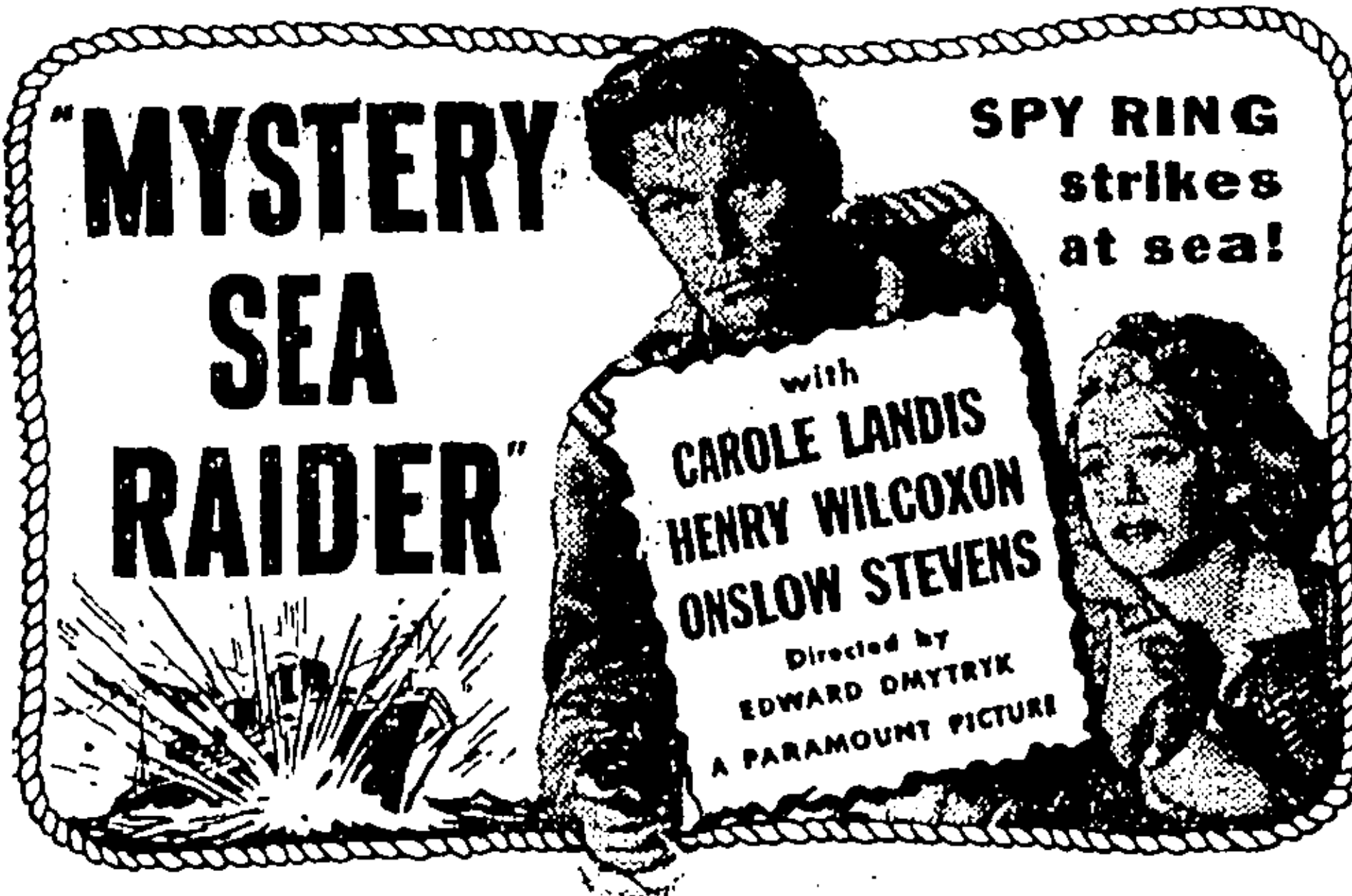
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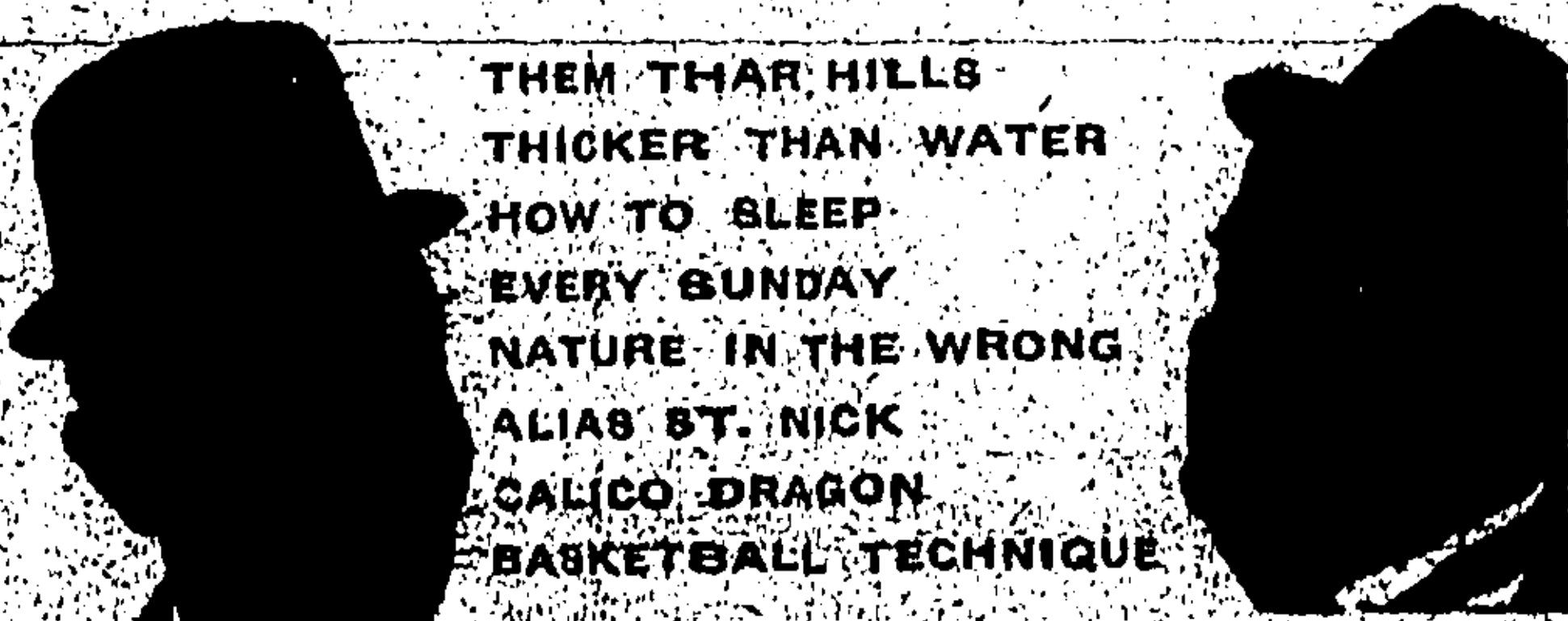


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WILFUL WIFE, SAYS JUDGE

STRONG COMMENTS on a wife's character were made by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court, when damages of £1,000 were awarded to Mr. Hugh Thomas Cunningham Pepper, of Salvington Letts, Worthing, Sussex, against Dr. Eric Dickens Spackman, of Shelley Road, Worthing.

Mr. Pepper, who alleged misconduct between his wife, Mrs. Barbara Pepper, of Toad Hall, Shoreham, and Dr. Spackman, was granted a decree nisi.

Mrs. Pepper failed in her petition for a decree on the ground of her husband's cruelty.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton said that at the time of the marriage, in 1927, Mrs. Pepper was twenty-one and her husband twenty-three. She had a small income of her own, and Mr. Pepper, who had an allowance of £500 a year from his father, set up as a fruit farmer.

Really Frightened

In November, 1939, Mrs. Pepper left her husband, writing him a note in which she said: "As you have no hesitation in knocking me about and using abusive language, I am really frightened to go on living here."

Dealing with the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, the Judge said: "I have not the slightest doubt that Mrs. Pepper was a lady who is courageous to the point of recklessness, ardent and tireless in pursuit of her pleasures, vivacious, selfish and wilful."

"A lady more rigidly and ruthlessly determined to go her own way and get her own way I seldom remember to have met."

Bathing Together

Regarding the allegation of adultery, the Judge said Mr. Pepper, in April, 1939, wrote to Dr. Spackman:

"Your constant attention to Harrie (Mrs. Pepper) during the last few years has earned you considerable notoriety."

"I wish to put particular emphasis on your almost daily bathing together during the summer, and I know she has addressed you at least once as 'Darling'... the matter has now got to a pitch which I find unendurable."

Dr. Spackman replied that the letter was a great shock, and he promised to break off his association with Mrs. Pepper.

The Judge said he could see no answer to the point made—the interviews of two hours at a time, sometimes with the door locked.

OVERSEAS CHINESE CONFERENCE

The Overseas Chinese Conference held in Singapore came to an end yesterday after a three-day meeting.

Chinese delegates from the Netherlands East Indies, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indo-China and the Philippines participated.

By unanimous vote Mr. Tan Kah-kee (Chen Chia-kang), prominent Singapore financier, was elected to continue as Chairman of the Federation of China Relief Fund Committees.

Cables were despatched to the British and American Governments thanking them for continued assistance to China during the past few years, and telegrams were also sent to Chinese Government heads pledging further support, and to the chiefs of the fighting services.

It was further decided that the Conference send a circular telegram denouncing those communicating with Wang Ching-wei as traitors. — Reuter.

SAYS PIG IS BETTER HOME PET THAN DOG

Pigs are "ideal pets" and ought to oust dogs from British homes, at any rate during war, says Mr. Roger North, a well-known Norfolk barrister and farmer.

"Some are so companionable," urges Mr. North. He keeps nearly 300 pigs himself, so he ought to know.

"Unlike a dog, a pig will enjoy every kind of household scrap," Mr. North told a reporter:

"There is no cleaner animal, and they are quite easy to house-train."

"They are remarkably intelligent and most affectionate; in fact, the only thing a pig can't do that a dog can is catch rats."

"Are Obedient"

Mr. North advocates sows as pets rather than boars.

"People are apt to become so attached to their pig that they cannot bear to part with him, even for bacon," he added. "The solution is to keep a sow and let her piglets fill the larder."

"Pigs are both faithful and obedient, and even their grunts are expressive."

"They would make ideal pets in any home where a dog is kept at present."

He recommends as indoor pets the smaller breeds—say Essex, Saddleback or Small White.

STRAITS WAR FUND NOW £600,000

Latest instalment from the Straits Settlements Bomber Fund this week to the British Treasury of £19,575 makes a total to date of £600,000, which is more than sufficient to purchase two squadrons of bombers. — Reuter.

86, KILLED BY BOY, 11

A grandfather aged eight-six received fatal wounds when a gun which his eleven-year-old grandson was cleaning was accidentally discharged.

This was told at the inquest at Barnstaple, North Devon, on William Williams, retired merchant seaman, of St. John's Chapel, Pawstock, North Devon.

"The grandson, Cecil William John Cobley, stood on a chair while giving evidence."

He said that on the previous Tuesday his grandfather took a single-barrelled shotgun with the intention of shooting a cat, which got away. He did not see his grandfather remove the cartridge afterwards.

On Thursday the boy was sitting before the fire in the kitchen cleaning the gun, and his grandfather was sitting opposite watching him. The boy did not know the gun was loaded.

While polishing the brasswork he caught a rag in the hammer. He heard a bang and his grandfather called out "Oh."

Verdict: Accidental death.

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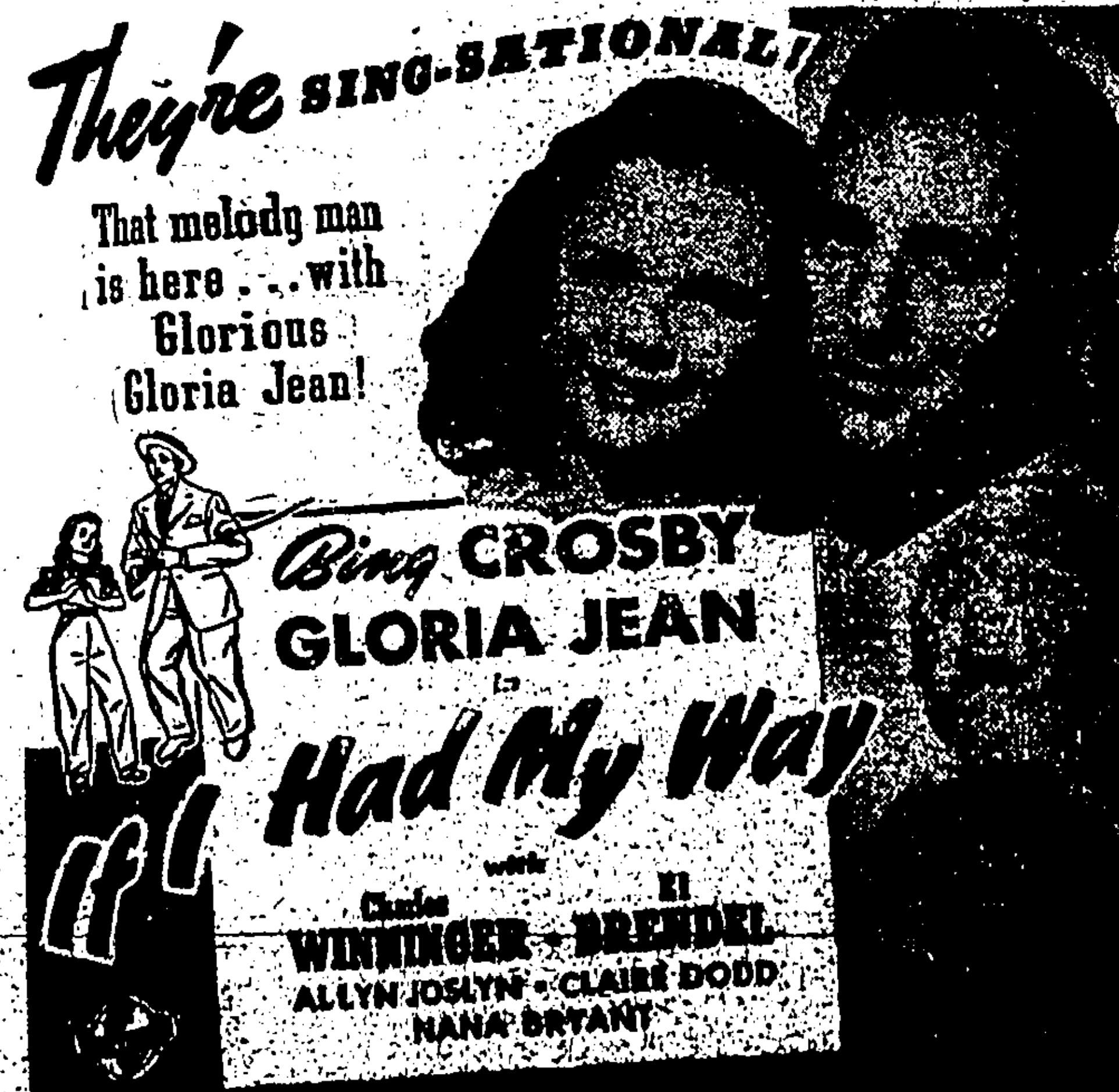
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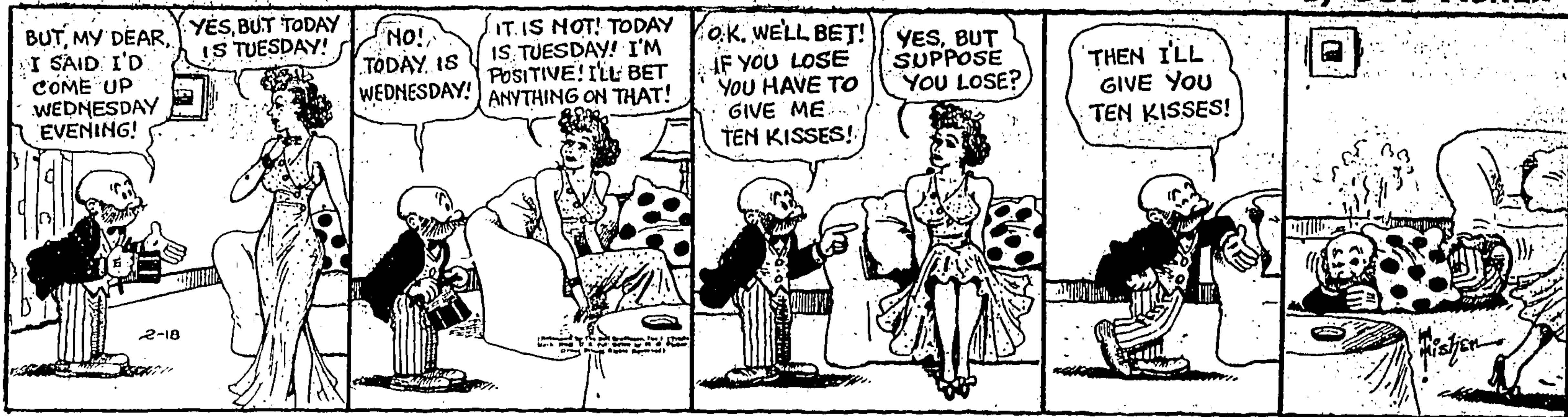
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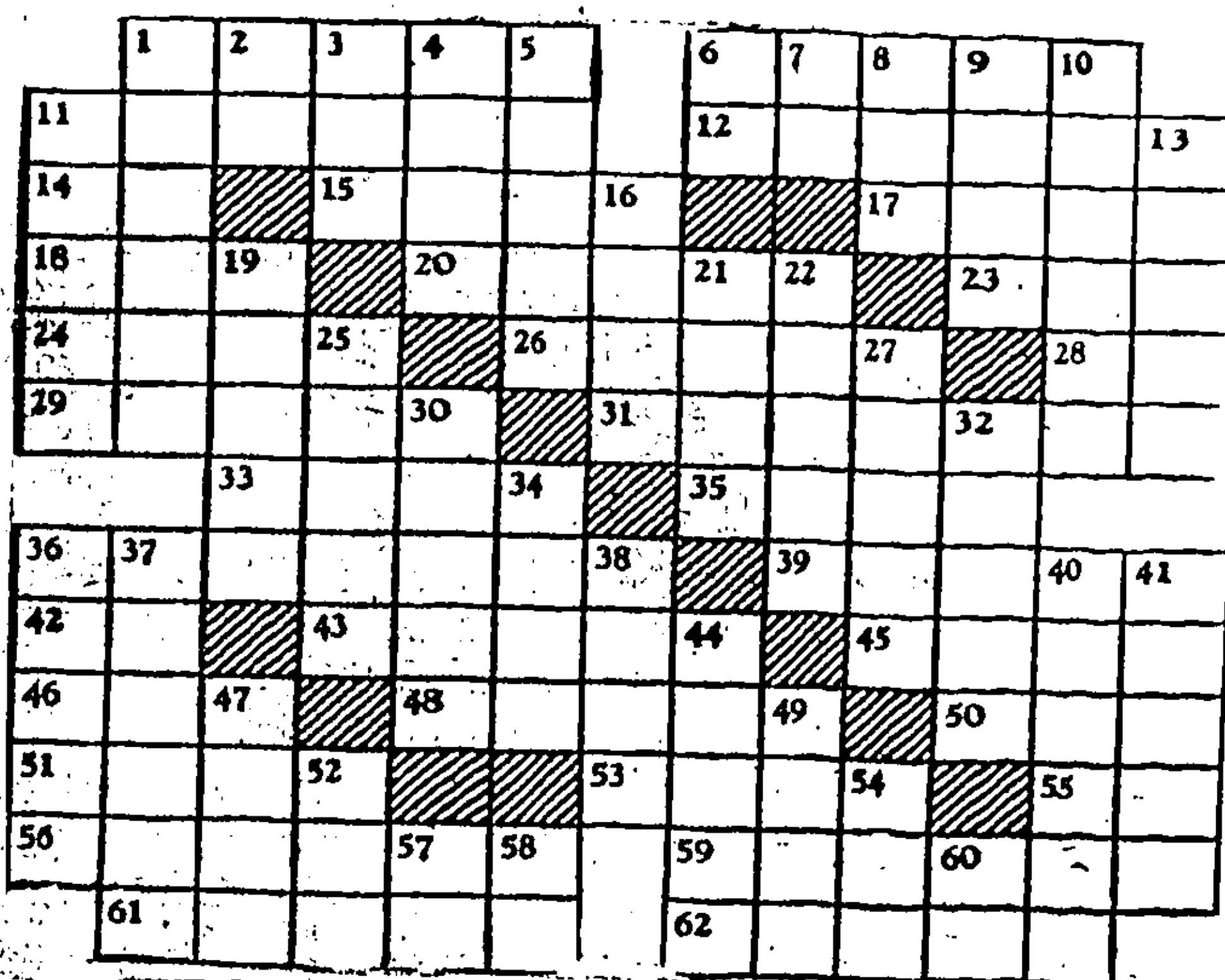
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24 Dutch cheese
26 Fillet worn about the hair
28 To accomplish
29 Giver
31 Having bands
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7 Printer's measure
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10 To mock
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GIRL SAW PARENTS' DEATH STRUGGLE

A ten-year-old girl who tried to stop a death struggle between her mother and father was complimented on her pluck at the inquest.

It was stated that the child was in bed with her parents when her father, in a fit of jealousy, attacked her mother with a razor.

When the child was dragged out of the room by a sister, the man cut his wife's throat and then committed suicide.

The girl was Betty Bounds, of Jenkins Road, Plaistow, E. The inquest was on her parents, Richard Bounds, forty-nine-year-old platelayer, and Eugene Florence Bounds, also aged forty-nine. Mrs. Bounds, it was stated, joined the A.R.P. service against her husband's wishes. He suspected her of having formed an association with a fireman named Fred.

The three daughters of the couple, including Betty, told of quarrels because of their mother's A.R.P. work, and said that on one occasion the police had been called to the house because of their father's threats.

"Have Mercy"

Betty said that since she returned from evacuation in Somerset, she had slept in the same bed as her father and mother. Usually she slept in the middle, but on this night her father told her to get against the wall. Her mother made her get back again.

"During the night father climbed over me and knelt on mother's chest," she said. "He got his hands on her throat."

"My mother shouted, 'Have mercy, don't be mad,' but my father would not leave go. I grabbed his hand and tried to drag him away from mother, but could not do so, so I shouted for my sisters."

Betty said she did not see anything in her father's hand, but her fingers were cut with what she thought was a knife.

The coroner called Betty to him and commended her for her action and for the way in which she gave her evidence.

The verdict was that Bounds murdered his wife by cutting her throat with a razor and then committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

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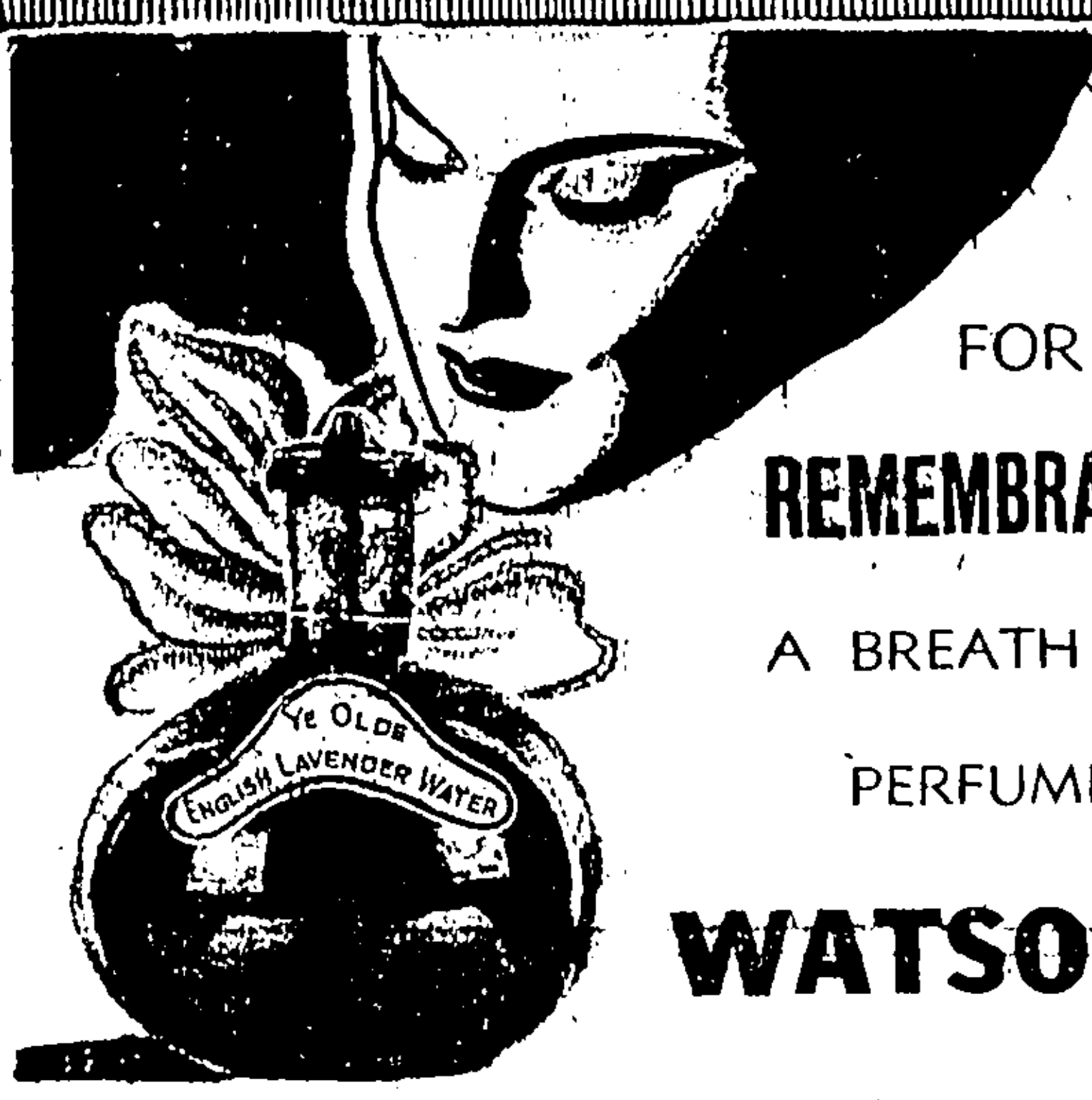
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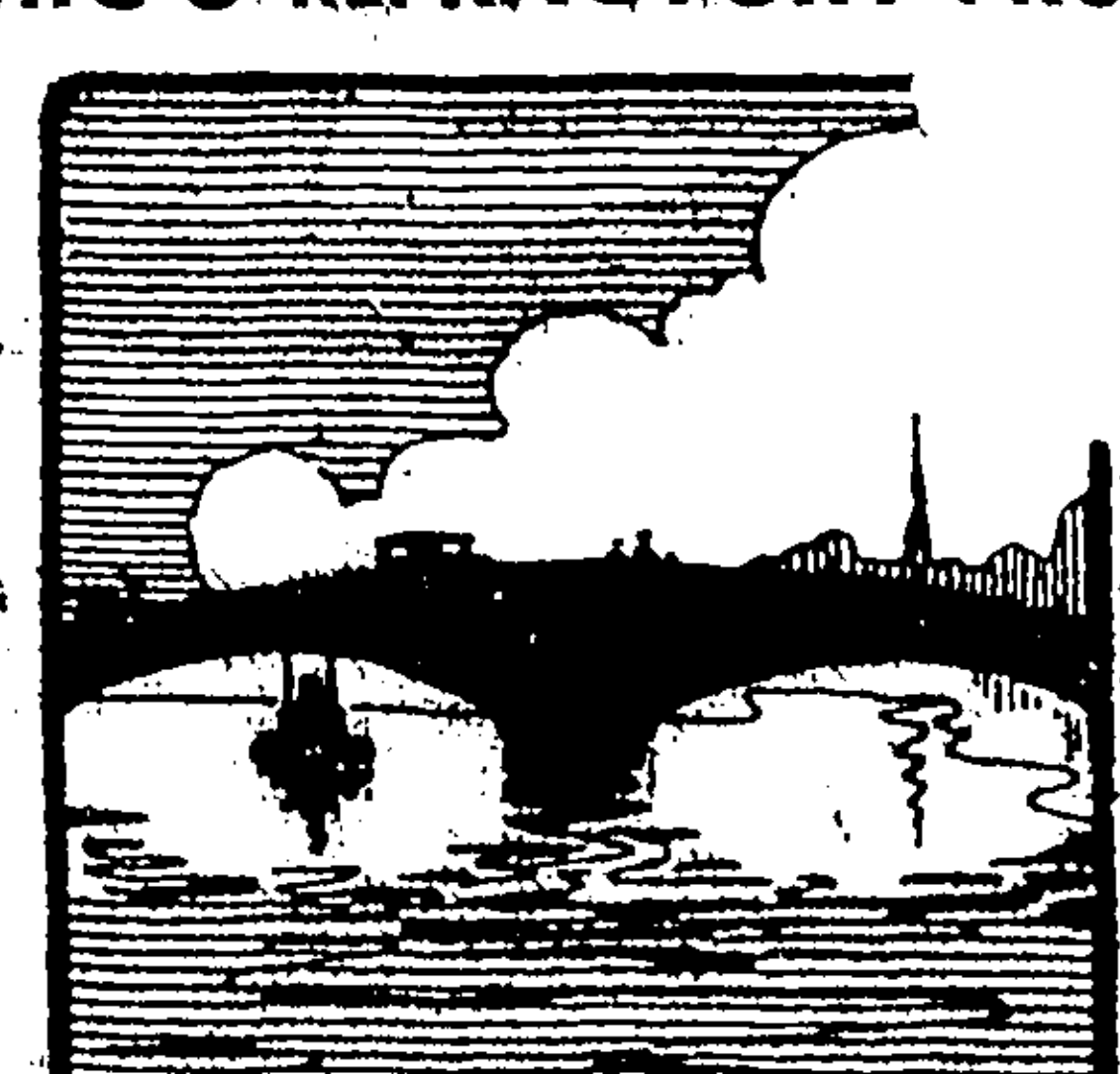
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The impression that great happenings are in preparation is singularly strong and the atmosphere is loaded with dynamite.

It would require unshakable self-possession in Mr. Matsuoka not to notice the annoying events during his visits to Berlin and Rome.

Just as the honoured guest reaches Berlin, Yugoslavia creeps from the snare thrown over her head.

It would be remarkable if the superstitious Italians should not think Mr. Matsuoka has an evil eye.

Since the misfortune of Yugoslavia changing her attitude coincided with his arrival in Berlin, his visit to Italy was celebrated by the loss of three Italian cruisers and three destroyers. How the battleship fared is not clear.

It could not be easy for Mussolini to feel himself easy under these circumstances when he received the honoured guest.

Right: Sovereignty

However the occupation of the bottom of the sea may be, the surface of the sea is controlled right sovereignly by the British.

Mr. Eden is more in the Empire's centre at Cairo than in London, and the Japanese will find it hard to get an impression that British expulsion from the

JAPAN HAS NO "AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS"

Colonel Jiro Saito, new chief of the Japanese military mission in southern French Indo-China, in his first interview since assumption of his duties, told the "Associated Press" that no Nippon garrison troops will arrive in this region "unless there is an outbreak of Far Eastern war which is not likely unless America provokes a conflict."

The colonel, an expert on Siamese military affairs and for a long time a resident of Honolulu, declared "Japan has no aggressive aspirations southward from here." He added Japanese does not desire to declare war on any country "and thus a Far Eastern war depends upon America's attitude and action in the Far East. America at the present time has a selfish attitude of interfering in Asia and Europe."

The Nippon officer, who termed himself "pro-American," scoffed at reports that Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka while in Berlin may throw over the Axis for a policy of American-British friendship as a result of determined American aid to England. He claimed Japan was seeking a stronger Axis relationship.

Referring to United States aid to Britain, Colonel Saito asked "why should America send sons and sweethearts to fight in an unprofitable European conflict?"

Meanwhile Saigon authorities denied Tokyo reports that the Hanoi French colonial government was preparing to give native Indo-China its independence.

SANDBAGS SLASHED IN THE BLACK-OUT

Sandbag slashing in Cambridge is causing concern to the authorities. Bags of sand which have been tied in pairs to lamp-posts all over the town as part of the fire-fighting precautions have been cut during the black-out and left on the pavement.

In one district more than fifty have been damaged.

In an appeal to the public the Chief Constable, Mr. R. J. Pearson said: "Apart from the risks caused if the sandbags should be required in an emergency, the loose sandbags are an obvious danger to pedestrians and other road users at night."

KEROSENE JUNK IN THE MINFIELD

Lam Lap Ming, master of a trading junk, was this morning fined \$20 by Commander J. Jolly for anchoring in the Tathong Channel Minefield. The junk was carrying a cargo of 1,500 tins of kerosene.

SOLDIER IN CHILDREN'S COURT

AFTER APPEARING AT ENFIELD JUVENILE COURT A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD ARMY PRIVATE, ACCUSED OF BEING A DESERTER, WAS REMANDED FOR A MILITARY ESCORT.

He had been brought before the adult court, where his age was given as eighteen. When it was learned that his real age is sixteen he was handed over to the juvenile court.

His mother said her boy had volunteered, giving his age as eighteen. She had sent a copy of his birth certificate to his commanding officer. It was the second time he had run away from the Army.

Near East is done by a hand-turn.

The "Svenska Dagbladet" points out that Mr. Matsuoka was expected in Berlin at a time when the Axis was scoring one diplomatic success after another and the Axis Pact was securing new signatures, so the Yugoslav coup was a fatal welcome.

BUT THIS MISFORTUNE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE REVERSE FOR GERMANY'S BALKAN PLAN WHICH THE NEW YUGOSLAV REGIME CONSTITUTES. — REUTER.

LLOYD GEORGE WARNS AGAINST VICTORY DAZZLE

THE MINISTER of Agriculture said in the Commons yesterday that since 1914 the amount of arable land under crops had actually decreased by 4½ million acres. For every thousand acres of cultivated land in the last war there were 1,195 human beings to be fed and the figure was now 1,524.

Moreover, there had been a general decline in the fertility of British soil taking the country as a whole. Between the outbreak of the last war and this war the production of fodder and root crops for livestock had fallen by no less than one third.

In the last war 2,300,000 acres had been ploughed up. By next Spring it was expected that 3,750,000 acres would be ploughed up.

He did not think anyone could legitimately say the farming community had not made a remarkable contribution.

As regards labour, the Secretary for War last week lent him 3,000 members of the Pioneer Corps. There were a certain number of conscientious objectors and allens on the job and they still had hopes they might get some German prisoners.

Parks And Golf

Speaking of parks, golf courses, and derelict land, he had come to the conclusion it was better to use available labour machinery and fertilisers increasing the production of existing arable land as compared with possible production which might be obtained by bringing such land under cultivation.

In the last seven months agricultural committees had done nearly as much for reclaiming land as the Italian Government had done in 13 years in reclaiming the Pontine Marshes. A new body was to be created which would be concerned to devise methods of incorporating into

farming practice all promising results of scientific research.

Meat Shortage

With regard to future policy he said there was bound to be a meat shortage. The shortage of imported meat would continue for several months and British agriculture would have to step into the breach to make good the shortage, to maintain the meat ration of the people.

We should have to keep up our dairy herds, getting rid of poor yielders. There would have to be a slight reduction of meat cattle.

Numbers of sheep would have to be kept up and there would have to be a good deal more ploughing up of grassland, an intensified drainage campaign and better cultivation.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the debate, said that in this grave hour the life of the nation depended on agriculture. We were rejoicing in stories of the most brilliant victories on land, at sea and in the air that had ever illumined the military annals of this country. They dazzled our eyes but we must take care they did not blind them. — British Wireless.

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WAR PRODUCTION

No one who understands the immensity of the task of turning over industry from a peace to war basis will have been surprised at Mr. Churchill's recent statement, that Britain is still only a partially armed nation. Under the modern conception of total war a nation is only fully armed when industrial war production reaches a maximum such as to keep fully equipped the largest possible fighting force. The number of men who can profitably be trained to fight is limited by the capacity to equip them adequately. Far more munitions will be needed for, say, 4,000,000 soldiers in this war than for 5,000,000 in the last.

To achieve the desired results requires the most exact organisation of all the major activities of the country. Control at the top is essential, and the people have asked nothing better than that they should be told what each should do in the common cause. From the moment that conscription for the army was adopted it was generally agreed that the same fundamental must be applied to civilians, and that the Government should have power to control property and profits, and the labour of men and women, rich and poor alike.

The machinery to be set in motion was intricate. The fighting services had to decide what equipment they needed. The supply departments placed orders on a gigantic scale with firms capable of adapting their plants. There was immense demand for machine tools and skilled labour. More tools had to be manufactured, more labour trained. Care had to be taken that the rate of production of one part of a weapon kept pace with the rate of production of other parts manufactured in perhaps many other factories.

Registration for service in the Forces has now been followed by the industrial registration of the civilian population by age-groups—that is, by the making of lists of those who may be called on to serve the State in national industry. Compulsion in like manner is applied to employers who, if engaged in vital war work, have no longer the right to dismiss their employees except for misconduct, and the Government has the power, sparingly exercised, to take

New Trend In War

As Axis moves in the Balkans appear to herald the opening of a new campaign, signs begin to multiply that Great Britain is preparing to conduct the struggle on entirely different lines from those adopted in the last war.

That is why any estimate of the outcome at this stage is highly uncertain and why we have at one and the same time Colonel Lindbergh giving technical reasons for Britain's expected downfall, while Wendell L. Willkie furnishes well-authenticated information indicating probable British victory.

The very completeness of the German victories in the first half of last year has enabled Mr. Churchill to discard a line of strategy which Britain followed in 1914 and 1918 and which its leaders clung to tenaciously up to the moment when Mr. Churchill took over the Government.

German occupation of France took away Britain's chief ally, but it also took away one of the most pernicious sources of defeat—the West Front theory.

Scope of Dunkirk

What Mr. Churchill—and Mr. Lloyd George before him—had been struggling to get rid of for nearly a quarter of a century was effectively liquidated for all present purposes at historic Dunkirk. With the disappearance of the West Front myth, Britain becomes united in its strategic outlook, and while the loss of France and the Low Countries is a heavy price to pay, the new unity is an immense asset and likely to take effect in surprising ways during the coming campaign.

This West Front theory—the "billy-goat tactics," as Mr. Lloyd George termed it, "butting away one's strength against unbreakable walls"—was built around the postulate that the war could only be won by defeating Germany in the west and that armed strength should not be frittered away by sending it to other subsidiary fronts.

Strongly advocated by Joffre, Haig, and some of the most influential members of the British and French Governments and services, this theory was responsible for the loss of almost 1,000,000 French and German soldiers during the terrific eight-day German attack on Verdun in February, 1916.

It was responsible for the loss of the flower of Britain's youth—480,000 from schools and universities—in the attack on the German lines at the Somme the following June; for 300,000 more, butting against the German lines at Arras and Messines between April and June in 1917 and 430,000 more in the Flanders mud of Passchendaele the following September.

And for all this tragic cost in men, with tens of millions of shells, and even the whole Messines ridge blown off by long and elaborate mining operations, only a few square miles of territory were gained.

Reversal of Policy

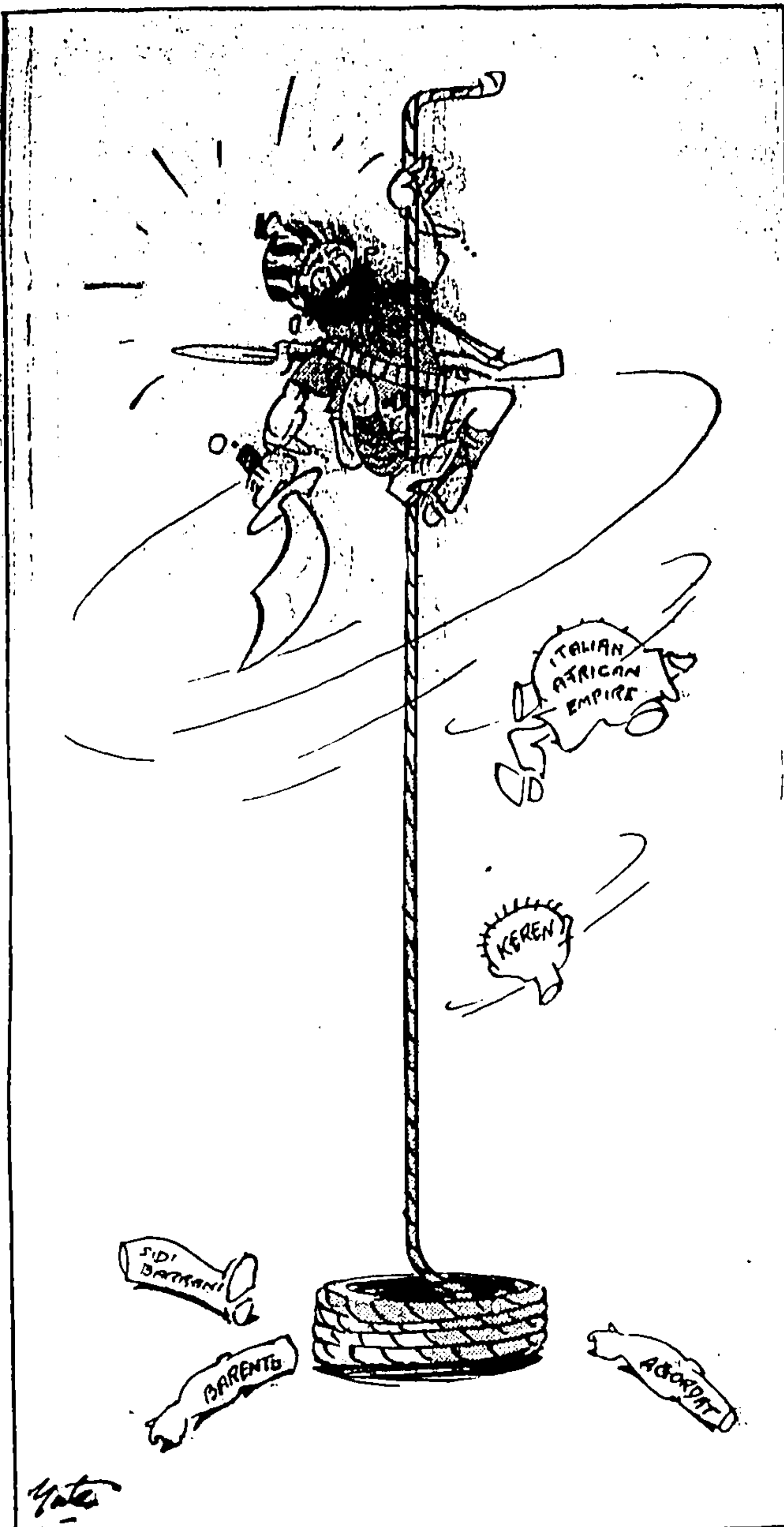
To-day Mr. Churchill reverses the policy—he attacks where the enemy is weak, instead of where the enemy is strong. He may have only a fraction of the men and arms that were assembled on the Allied front in 1916 and 1917, but everything he has is effective.

He may have lost most of the continent, but the continent is a seething mass of discontent and incipient rebellion, so that the German occupation is only partially effective.

Moreover, if he does not control the land, he controls the sea and can uncover the enemy's weak

over and run industrial undertakings.

How far this vast machinery of production has been organised to the best possible advantage cannot yet be fully judged, but there is no doubt that equipment is now coming into production on a scale that is literally enormous.



AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

(Leaving it to Mussolini to try and conjure the pieces together again.)

points with devastating sureness. While the West Front theory gave Britain no advantage from its maritime supremacy, the navy is the key to Britain's policy to-day.

Signor Mussolini, failing to observe this revolutionary change of tactics, and assuming that he had an open lane for supplies to his North African empire launched his attack on Egypt last August, as soon as France had dropped out. To his surprise he found the lane suddenly closed, while the British—instead of blundering along with insufficient men or supplies as they had done at Gallipoli in April, 1915, when the 125,000 "Anzacs" landed to find the Turks unsurprised and well prepared to meet them—in two months disposed of his army and all Eastern Libya at a cost of less than 1,000 casualties to themselves.

Fascist Fallacy

By a similar miscalculation, when on Oct. 28 the Duce decided to invade Greece, he found that the British, instead of landing an ill-equipped, ineffective force at Salonika—as the Allies had done in 1915, with some idea of proceeding against the Turks—were able to send timely equipment to the Greeks by sea, with an effective air force detachment to supplement their bombing and reconnaissance work.

The net result so far for Britain is two new bases in the central Mediterranean—at Crete and Benghazi—which bid fair to eliminate and prospect of Signor Mussolini's making further claims to control of the Mediterranean.

Heavier tests than these may be expected to face the British at any moment, but so long as the fleet remains intact, there is every reason to suppose that it will proceed to uncover the Nazi weak points, as it has uncovered the Italian—for though the Nazis are an entirely different proposition from the Italian Black Shirts, the vast extent of their conquests may be expected to leave inevitable weak points.

Britain has lost France and Belgium, but she will no longer waste

weeks and months in wrangles between Lloyd George, Haig, Joffre, Millerand and the rest as to what policy to adopt, or between Churchill and Fisher as to whether to force the Dardanelles. She has lost Russia as an ally, but it may well be that effective help to the indomitable and self-reliant little Greece has more value than no help at all from millions of Russian soldiers, who in 1915 and 1916 were impotent because they had no ammunition.

Russian Failure

Every day desperate appeals were being sent from General Yanushkevitch, Chief of Staff of the Grand Duke Nicholas, to the War Minister. "Two or three times a day cartridges are asked for from the fronts, and there are none. My heart is heavy," the unhappy general would plead. Moreover, the Russian people to-day are little likely to be more helpful to the conquering Nazis than the Czechs or Norwegians who are already under the German heel.

From the human standpoint, while Britain is in some ways weaker in political leadership than she was in 1914, yet the Prime Minister who gave General Wavell all the men and equipment he needed for the campaign in Libya—and at the right moment—is the man who above all has been trying to shift Britain's policy from the West Front to the world-wide naval policy.

He is the man who in 1915, as First Lord of the Admiralty, had the enterprise to spend £270,000 of public money on unauthorised experiments in a field that was no official concern of his—tests with a new contraption subsequently known as the "tank."

Considerations such as these must be thrown into the balance before one can size up the prospects of the war.

In the matter of the imponderables that play so vital a part in the final destiny of human affairs, they mount up to a formidable array—the more so since the new strategy of sea control, unlike the strategy of the West Front, makes cooperation from America both easy and effective.

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MR. KNUDSEN ON U.S. 'PLANE PRODUCTION RISE

A TOTAL OF 3,470 high-powered aeroplane engines were delivered by American manufacturers in February, an increase of 343 over the previous month, William S. Knudsen, Director General of the Office of Production Management, said in Washington.

Of this number 2,767 went to the Army and Navy and Great Britain, Mr. Knudsen said, citing the record on aeroplane engines as characteristic of a general increase in defence production.

Mr. Knudsen branded as "stuff and nonsense" reports that American planes were unsatisfactory to the British in many respects.

"I'm no flier myself," he said, "but they keep talking 'em. That's all I need to know."

Mr. Knudsen answered questions on the defence programme at a press conference.

"What is the situation as to production?" he was asked. "Are things beginning to move now?"

He called for a large pin-dotted map of the country.

Move To West

"Every one of those dots is a project started or expanded

since last July," Mr. Knudsen said. "You see, we are gradually shoving the dots in this direction."

He indicated the west. "That's what everybody asked us to do, so that is what we are doing."

"In justice to American enterprise, the Army and the Navy and to the people engaged in this effort, I say we are doing something. These pinheads may be just dots to you, but they mean production to me."

Mr. Knudsen said that the shortage of machine tools was still a major problem, and added that the labour situation was becoming acute.

Mass Production

He remarked that an inventory of machine tools was being made with a view to finding out where they were located and how they could be used. This is in preparation for a more intensive drive for "farming out" subcontracts by primary contractors, he explained.

He indicated disagreement with at least one phase of the Reuther plan for mass production of planes and engines, that relating to the use of existing automobile plant tools and equipment.

He said that a check-up on the Cadillac plant, which Walter P. Reuther, chief of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), author of the plan, gave as an example, revealed that only 15 per cent of standard equipment could be used for the production of aeroplane engines. Mr. Reuther will make a further study and meet with OPM officials later, Mr. Knudsen said.

"To say you can use existing equipment for making a complete aeroplane engine in an automobile plant is just not so," he said. "I say it just can't be done."

3,500 Engines A Month

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce estimated that the three major aeroplane engine manufacturers would reach a monthly output of 3,500 to 3,700 big engines by July.

That rate would relieve existing engine shortages and provide a small surplus over the number

HUNTING THE SNARK IN THE ATLANTIC

Although ships at sea in war-time avoid using their wireless, states Reuter's Correspondent with the Atlantic Fleet, constant conversation is nevertheless carried on among units of a squadron by signalling lamp.

Recently a cruiser was ordered to oil a destroyer — an operation which is carried out by reducing speed a few knots. The cruiser, which was experiencing some engine trouble, signalled back to the flagship: "I feel like the Bellman, 19th verse, 'Fit first, 'Hunting of the Snark.'"

Although the captain of the flagship and other officers could recite several verses of Lewis Carroll's poem, no one could place the verse in question. A general appeal was sent through the ship for a copy of "The Hunting of the Snark," and within 15 minutes the Commander Engineer mounted the bridge with his finger on the verse:—

Navigation was always a difficult art,

Thou' with only one ship and one bell,

And he feared he must really decline for his part

Undertaking another as well.

The oiling operation was handed over to another cruiser, but "The Hunting of the Snark," in another passage, provided an appropriate retort to the first cruiser which had failed to report her engine trouble:—

We should all of us grieve, as you may well believe,

If you never were met with again,

But surely, my man, when the voyage began,

You might have suggested it then.

TRAWLER GOT A BOMBER

"We are in good old England at last! It's like coming home." These were the words of the pilot of a German bomber which was shot down by a trawler off Yarmouth.

The pilot and three others of the bomber crew were captured by two unarmed civilians who were out for a walk.

The bomber, a Junkers 88, had attacked the British trawler 'Galvain'.

So fierce was the trawler's reply that the bomber was hit, caught fire, and made a crash landing on the coast at Horsey, a village ten miles from Yarmouth. The trawler and its crew were untouched.

One of the bomber crew had an injured leg, and another was burned.

The plane was seen to crash by Mr. H. E. Thain, a shopkeeper and Mr. R. Sadler, his friend.

The two men ran to the machine and saw the crew going towards the sea with a rubber boat, but the Germans stopped when called upon and gave the two men their revolvers.

The pilot, a man of about forty, could speak English. Mr. Thain told a reporter: "He said, 'I had a go at a trawler but the trawler got me first.'"

of engines required for a monthly plane output of 1,500 expected by July.

The chamber based its estimate on a survey of the three big producers, Pratt & Whitney, Wright Aeronautical and Allison.

If the chamber's July estimate is attained, there will be enough motors each month to power at least 1,800 military planes, ranging from single-engined pursuit craft to four-engined bombers, officials said.

In September, 1939, the combined output of the three manufacturers was 200 to 300 big engines a month. A year later the production had risen to 1,500 engines.

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NORWEGIANS TRAIN FOR A COMEBACK ADVENTURE OF A TANK CREW

(By An American Correspondent)

IN FJORD-LIKE INLETS OF THE PACIFIC NEAR VANCOUVER, HUNDREDS OF NORWEGIAN MILITARY FLYERS RECRUITED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE MAKING READY TO TURN THE TABLES ON NAZI INVADERS OF THEIR NATIVE LAND.

Some are veterans of the fight against overwhelming odds carried on by remnants of the little Norwegian Army and Navy after the German surprise attack almost a year ago. Many came from tankers and whaling ships to help re-establish their nation's independence. Still others who had been living for years in New York and a score of other cities volunteered and came at their own expense to Canada to train as pilots. Several Danes are among their number.

All know that weakness in air power was one of the principal causes of their country's fall and that strength in the skies will be necessary if it is to rise again. So each day above the fir forests lining the inlet shores the Norwegians are practicing aerobatics and combat manoeuvres in heavily armed Northrop scout and patrol bombers built at Hawthorne, Calif. and flown here as soon as they roll off the production line.

Will Fly Norway's Colours

These bombers, ordered and paid for by the Norwegian government, now in exile in London, are painted with the insignia of the Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force. They will be shipped abroad soon for service in conjunction with the British Royal Air Force, but under Norwegian colours and command, and with the pilots trained in Canada at their controls.

This correspondent visited the Norwegian training base headquarters, at Jericho Beach, a few miles from Vancouver on Burrard Inlet. The hangars and barracks were lent by the Royal Canadian Air Force, which has a huge administrative and repair base there. On the concrete slipway leading down to the sea, Norwegian ground crews were engaged in beaching and refueling two Northrop bombers which had just returned after long flights.

Inside one of the hangars unusual activities were in progress. On a wooden framework about six feet from the floor a toy-train track was being nailed down in a continuous circuit twenty feet long. When this was finished a Norwegian officer placed on the track an electric engine like those seen in all the department stores at Christmas time and watched while another officer worked an electric switch to cause the engine to make a tour. Sometimes it slowed down suddenly, then speeded ahead.

As soon as it became apparent that the engine could be run without jumping the track on the turns, a model of a Heinkel bomber, of the German Luftwaffe, correct in every detail down to the swastika on the tail surfaces, was hung from the engine by a wire. Twenty feet away two young Norwegian pilots drew a bead on the model warplane in their machine-gun sights and as it moved along in mid-air below the wooden framework supporting the toy-train track they attempted to keep their sights trained upon it, no matter what its speed was.

Aim Is To Keep In Trim

Comdr. Oscar R. Remlapp, who was directing the installation of the new training device as commander of the base, explained that its purpose was to keep the fighting eyes and the trigger fingers of his flyers in trim until they were able to exercise both on full-size German aircraft. A young officer in his early thirties, Comdr. Remlapp participated in the campaign against the Nazis as a flyer for the Royal Norwegian Navy, and chose to go to England as an exile at its close rather than live in his own country under the puppet government of Maj. Vidkun Quisling, Norway's Benedict Arnold.

The Norwegian officer grinned at questions concerning the

number and next destination of the air unit. He said:

"How many are we altogether? Some hundreds, call it what you like. More are arriving each day to hasten the time when we can return to the country we think is the most beautiful in the world with assurance that it will be our own and not the land of an invader. The islands, the forests, the skerries and the fjords of the land around Vancouver remind us very much of our southern coast and make us want to be back."

"Our destination? We are bound eventually for a place in the real war zone. When we left Norway not one of us dreamed of training in Vancouver. And when our time is up here and we go abroad perhaps the surprise will be just as great for some of our adversaries."

Only Skilled Flyers At Base

Comdr. Remlapp explained that only the Norwegian navy pilots, adjudged to have almost enough skill and experienced for combat conditions in Europe were at the Jericho Beach air base. All the elementary training was taking place at another base in Toronto, where Norwegian army pilots also are being turned out. The frozen waterways near Toronto made it impossible for seaplane flying to be carried on during the winter, Comdr. Remlapp explained, so rather than delay even for a few months their training plan, the Norwegian navy men decided to organise an advanced base near Vancouver.

Asked whether reports reaching the United States during the Nazi invasion of Norway concerning widespread sympathy and assistance for the Germans in Norwegian defence circles were true, Comdr. Remlapp replied with a vigorous negative. "I was in Oslo for many months before the Germans came and I know that these reports were not true. All of us in the army and navy were hoping for an English victory even during the darkest hour. The Germans had fifth-column supporters in Norway, yes—many of them—but they were Nazis sent into our country disguised as salesmen, diplomatic agents and tourists, and not Norwegians."

"They simply took us by surprise and trickery. This is proved by the lack of support which the Quisling government has been able to get even with the pressure propaganda of Germany behind it. And we Norwegians will never submit to the German plans for our country, which were revealed when a German officer angrily told a hotel attendant in Oslo who refused to cringe before his arrogance: 'Are you Norwegians not yet aware that you have no influence in this country?'"

MURDER APPEAL FAILS

The Court of Criminal Appeal has dismissed the appeal of Clifford Holmes, twenty-four-year-old soldier, convicted at Manchester Assizes of the murder of his wife last October while on leave. Holmes shot and stabbed his wife after she had obtained a separation order against him on the ground of cruelty. The only defence raised at his trial was that of insanity.

How terrifying the bombardment of Bardia by the heavy guns of the Fleet really was is attested by the commander of a British infantry tank, who took part in the main assault, was captured, and escaped after a series of amazing adventures.

His tank successfully withstood several direct hits by anti-tank guns after it had entered the perimeter, but then had the first of its guns rendered ineffective by a hit on the turret, then received a shell directly on the front, which shook the whole vehicle, stunned the driver, and broke the electric wiring. This caused a short circuit, which set fire to the batteries and filled the tank with fumes.

Meanwhile the tank was careering on, out of control. The commander decided that the only course was to abandon the vehicle. He opened the cupola. The inrush of fresh air revived the driver, whom the crew were thus able to extract from his seat. On leaving the tank, the whole crew were surrounded and taken prisoner. The commander was taken before two generals, one of whom, from the description, must have been Berganzoli. He first reprimanded the prisoner for not standing to attention, then asked him questions about his unit and the strength of the British tanks, to which the subaltern declined to reply.

He said to the General, however: "If you knock out these tanks, more tanks will come. You had better give in." At this the General bristled with fury.

An attempt was then made to send the prisoners through to Tobruk in a lorry, but this proved impossible because of the British fire. They were confined in a cave on the side of a wadi in the northern sector, where they arrived in time for the bombardment by the 15-inch guns of the Fleet. The subaltern relates that it was the most terrifying experience of his life. He was in fear every moment that the dug-out would collapse under the impact of the heavy shells. He survived however, and on the entry of the British troops into the sector had the satisfaction of leading his captors captive to the number of more than 1,000.

Courage Beyond Praise

The most formidable problem for the attacking force was a deep wide anti-tank trench, which surrounded the whole system of defences. This was carefully reconnoitred by a tank officer, who accompanied an Australian patrol, climbed into the trench by night, and took exact measurements. A section of the trench was then reconstructed within the British lines and exhaustive experiments made in the best means to clear a way for tanks.

At zero hour a battalion of Australian infantry crossed the trench, cut the wire, and remained covering the sector where the attack was intended, while Australian sappers, working swiftly with picks and shovels as well as explosives, broke down the sides of the trench and made a crossing for the tanks. The courage of these men is beyond praise. It was here that the heaviest casualties were suffered.

Among the defenders of Bardia must be numbered certain minor allies of the Italians. On entering the defences and while searching the dug-outs, the British troops encountered an army of fleas of the most ferocious and the most painful type. Their onslaught on our men was so redoubtable that the troops came to the conclusion that they were Mussolini's secret weapon.



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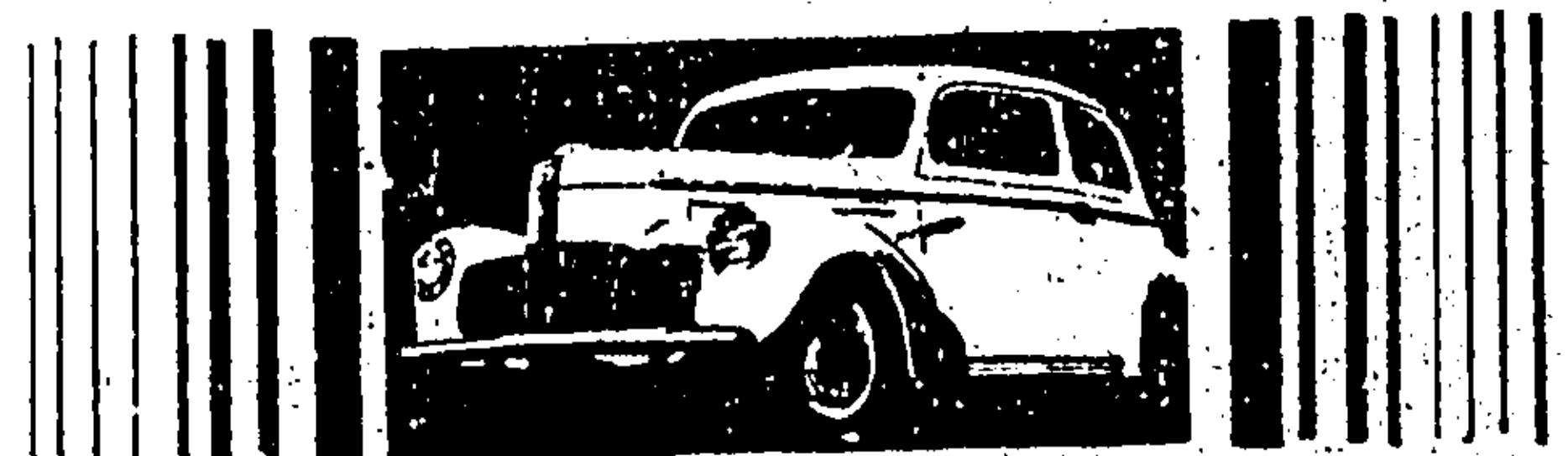
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♠ A Q 2	♥ 8 5 4 2	♦ 10 6 2	♣ A 8 3
♠ J 9 8	♥ 6	♦ A Q 4 3	♣ K Q J 10
♠ K 8 5 3	♥ 10 7 3	♦ 8 6	♣ 9 7 6 2
♠ 10 7 4	♥ A K Q J 9	♦ K J 9 7	♣ 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the King of clubs, and South took the club Ace and drew three rounds of trumps. He was then tempted to finesse the Queen of spades, for if that won, he could finesse diamonds from the dummy and perhaps win even twelve tricks! He awoke from this pleasant pipe dream by considering that losing the spade finesse might lead to the loss of two spades and two diamonds.

With some reluctance, therefore, South gave up his play for overtricks and simply led a low diamond from his hand. West won with the diamond Queen and returned the six of spades, thus giving South one more chance to go wrong. To play the Queen would allow East to take the spade King and return the suit, setting up a second spade trick for West before his Ace of diamonds had been knocked out.

South saw the danger, however, and played dummy's low spade. When East had to put up his King, South conceded a diamond to the Ace and claimed the rest. But South was sure to make his contract even if East had been able to win the spade trick with the Jack. He would then have to return a club or a diamond. South would force out the diamond Ace, put up the spade Ace on West's spade return, and discard dummy's spade Queen on his own fourth diamond.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you held:

♠ 7 5 3	♥ K 6 4 2	♦ 8	♣ K J 5 3 2
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The bidding:
Jacoby: 1♥
Schenken: 1♠
You: 4♥
Maier: 2♥
(?)

ANSWER: Bid five hearts. On the bidding, your partner should be short of spades. Your hand is sure to fit whether his side strength is in diamonds or in clubs. Furthermore, you have no assurance that you can defeat four spades, so have no real choice. Score 100% for five hearts, 60% for five clubs, 30% for pass.

Question No. 682

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner, and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K 6 4 2	♥ 7 5 3	♦ Q J 9 3 2	♣ 8
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The bidding:
Jacoby: 1♥
Burnstone: 1♠
Schenken: 2♥
You: (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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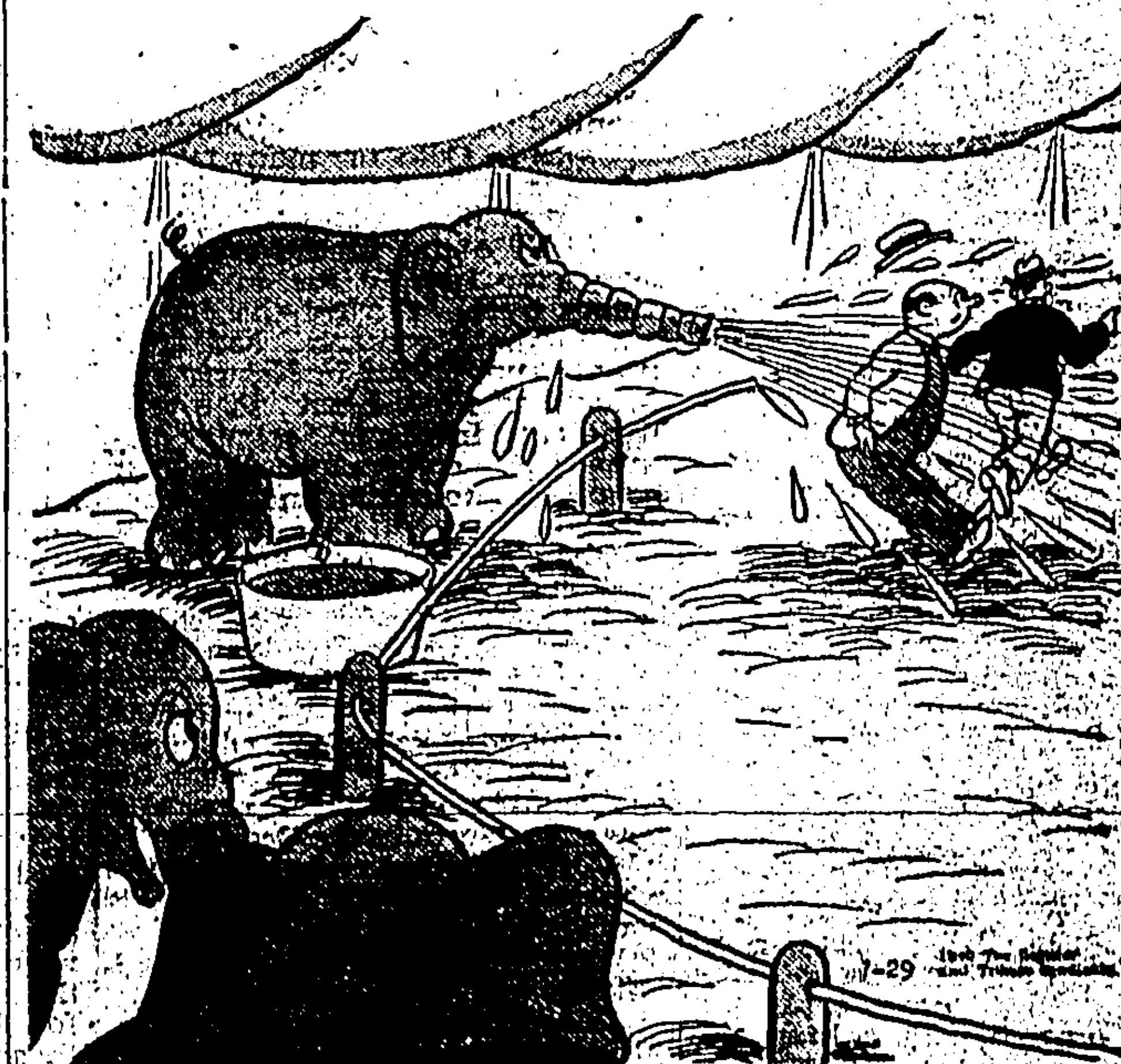
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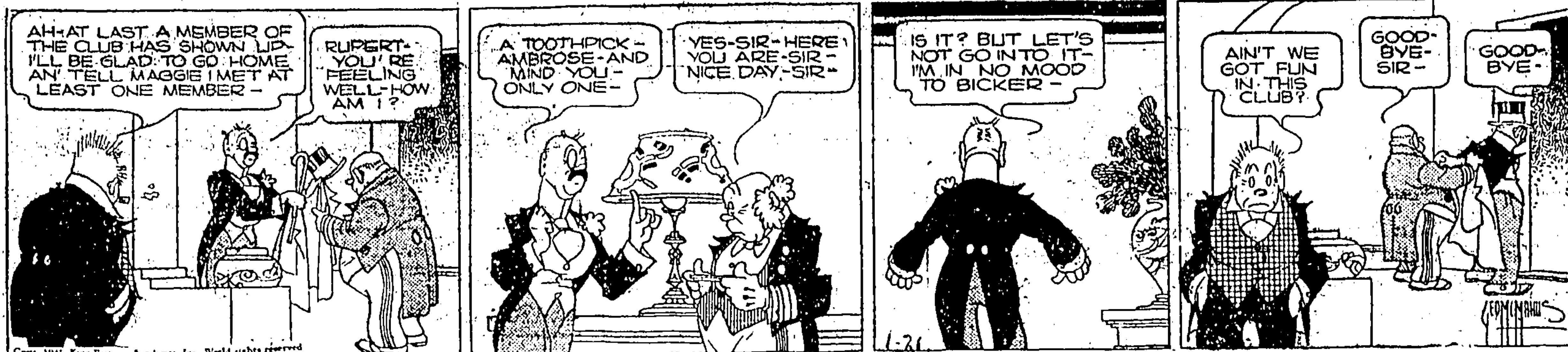
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercessions.
 12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Rimsky-Korsakov.
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
 1.01 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) and Harold Ramsay (Organ).
 1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.
 1.45 p.m.—Popular Film Selections.
 "Bitter Sweet"—Selection—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain: "Wanting You; Lover Come Back To Me (both from 'The New Moon'—Romberg). Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment.
 "Balalaika"—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra. "Life is a Dream" ("The Southerner")—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
 5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.32 p.m.—A French Variety Programme.
 Parade D'Orléans—One Step. L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra. Mon Amour (de Badet); Il Pleurait (Reville). Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orchestra.
 6.40 p.m.—Studio—Talk on The National Association for the Care of War Orphans by Dr. Irene Ho Cheng.
 6.45 p.m.—French Variety Programme continued.
 Au Fond De Tes Yeux (de Lima); Oui Je Suis De Paris (Oberfeld); Mistinguett (Vocal) with Orchestra.
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet Again. Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Rumba—Maracas. Pasodoble—Nino De Jerez. Tejada & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—One Look At You (film 'A Night at Earl Carroll's'); A Million Dreams Ago. Quicksteps—No Mama, No; Sweet Little Sweetheart. Joe Loss & His Orchestra. Waltzes—Two Hearts in Waltz Time; Don't Ask Me Why. Harry Horlick & His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of English Variety.

Vocal—F. D. R. Jones (Rome). Follow the White Line. Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys. Comedienne—The South is the Place for Me (Braham & Others); Why Has A Cow Got Four Legs. Cicely Courtneidge assisted by Wilson Hallett. Organ—My Wishing Song (Kahal & Burke). Jesse Crawford. Humorous—Arguments. Clapham and Dwyer. Organ—The Old Spinning Wheel (Hill). Jesse Crawford. Vocal—Willow, Tilt Willow (Parr Davies). Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys. Vocal—Our Greatest Successes. Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert with Orchestra. Humorous—The Seaside (Crick & Others); Clothes (Crick & Others); Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Piano. Orch.—The Dancin' Years—Selection (Novello). The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Comedian—Celebratin' (film 'Lime-light'); Tap Your Toesies (film 'Jack of all Trades'). Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Request Classical Programme.

1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky). The Philharmonic Orchestra with the Ural Cossacks' Choir; Spanish Dance (Granados). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano; Ah! Moon of My Delight (In a Persian Garden—Lehmann). Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra; Hungarian Dance No. 11 in D Minor (Brahms). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accompaniment. Acceleration—Waltz (Joh. Strauss). Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'Correspondence Column' by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 p.m.—Request Classical Programme continued.

Ruy Blas—Overture (Mendelssohn). Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Spring Had Come ('Hiawatha'—Coleridge-Taylor). Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) (Purcell). Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the Halle Orchestra; Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris; Organist: Harold Dawber. Onaway! Awake! Beloved ('Hiawatha'—Coleridge-Taylor). Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Covent Garden. Brahms' Waltzes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Op. 39. Anatole Ktlaiz. Invitation to the Waltz, Op. 65 (Weber). Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Let The Bright Seraphim ('Samson'—Handel). Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92 (Beethoven)—3rd Movement (Only). Presto. Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

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By "Rapier"

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There are six events on the programme, principal being "The Lung Chen Handicap" on the result of which a special \$1.00 sweep has been organised.

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RACE NO. 1. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The opening race of the day is for first section of "E" Class China ponies and, from the entries, Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should have little difficulty in winning, although Dow-Jones (Mr. S. L. Yuen) will have to be reckoned with on account of its win in the Dublin Handicap over the same distance at Fanling at the last meeting. National Success, which failed to place at Fanling when it was made favourite, may do better on Sunday with Mr. B. L. Tao, its stable jockey, up, while Matarador (Mr. S. C. Liang) is also capable of extending the above ponies if on form.

I nominate Piet Hein to win, however, with Dow-Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class China ponies will figure in this event. Sports Venture, for its win in the Szechuen Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting in Macao, has been penalised by 7 lb. It will again be taken out by Mr. J. Nolasco, a fast improving novice jockey of the Macao Colony, who will have 5 lb. allowance, so that it will actually be carrying only 2 lb. more on Sunday. I think it has a good chance of winning again, although Gallant Marshal (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was third in the above race, with a 5 lb. reduction in weight since they last met, may extend it.

New Bedford (Mr. L. B. Chao) is quite a speedy animal, but I have little information regarding its current form.

I nominate Sports Venture to take first place, with Gallant Marshal second and New Bedford third.

RACE NO. 3. THE CHINSHAN HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race for "E" Class China ponies and, on the strength of its last win in the Szechuen Handicap (Third Sec-

tion) at Macao when carrying 150 lb. with Mr. Nolasco up, I see no reason why National Anthem, with 3 lb. less on account of the 5 lb. allowance for the novice jockey, should not secure another win. It should, however, receive stern opposition from Black Diamond (Mr. W. N. Yeh) the second pony in the above race, which will be running on equal terms as against the 4 lb. it was conceding when it was defeated by a length.

Cuban Love (Mr. K. I. Ip), with another 7 lb. off in weight, should again be placed, while Mac's Adventure (Mr. Chao), which has been demoted from the second section, should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

National Anthem should win, with Black Diamond second and Cuban Love third, leaving Mac's Adventure a possible for an upset.

RACE NO. 4. THE LINGNAN HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS

This race will be contested by "D" Class China ponies and, in view of the short distance, the thing to do will be to look for sprinters. In my opinion the finish will be fought out between Blue Field (Mr. Chao), Love's Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying).

Lovely Star, which came in second to Eve of Peace in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys on the second day of the Annual Meeting, has a good chance of winning its first race in Macao as it is noted for its speed over this distance. It will, however, have Night Express to reckon with as this pony came in third in the Kongmun Plate over the mile at the Valley at the last meeting and is also fast.

Blue Field is now very fit and is capable of causing an upset, which, however, I do not anticipate just yet.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Night Express second and Blue Field third.

RACE NO. 5. THE LUNG CHEN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be for "Y" Class China ponies, which have started at a race meeting during 1940. On the result of this race the big \$1.00 sweep depends.

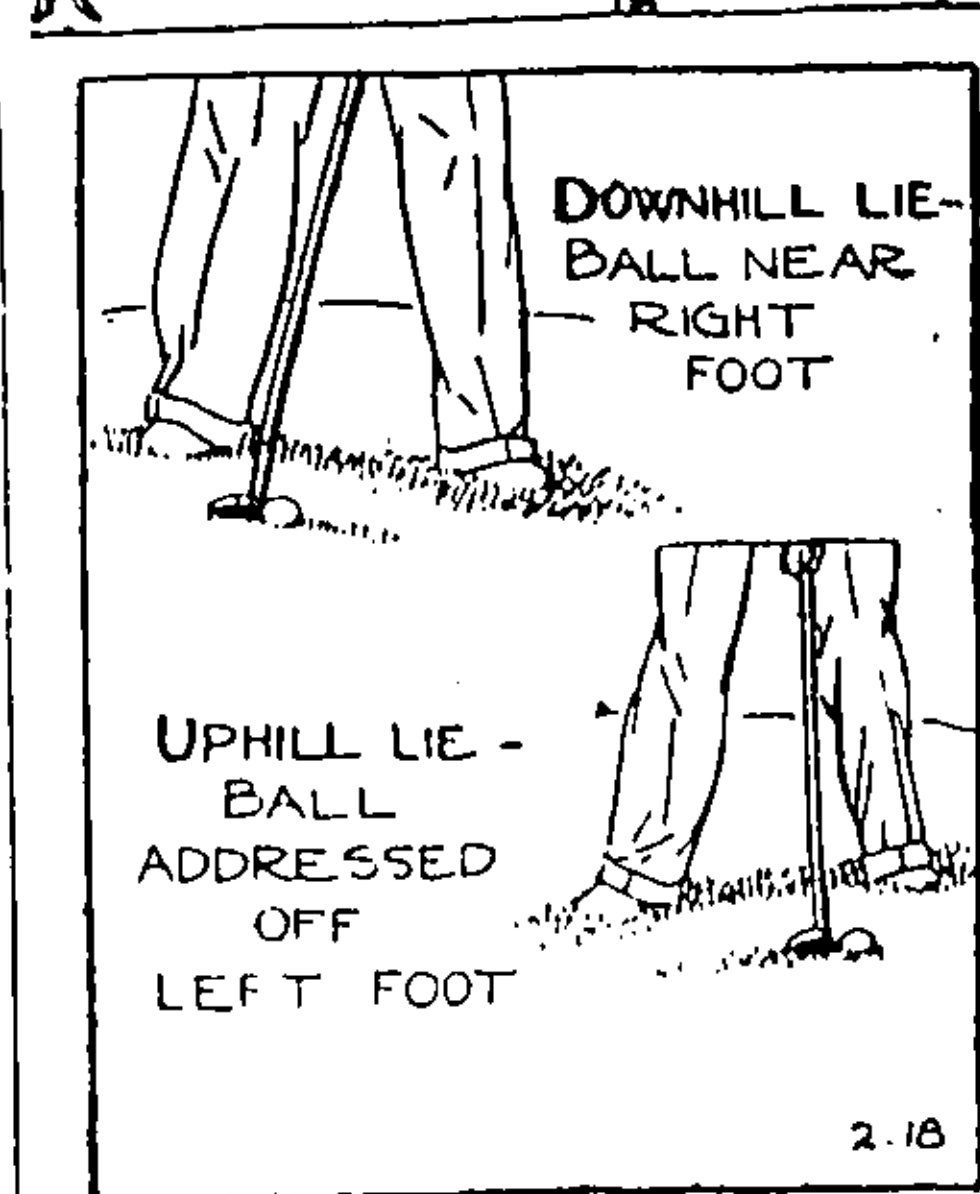
Fairy Ousel (Mr. Wei) won the Chung Hwa Handicap over this distance at the January meeting and has been penalised by 7 lb. but, as it won comfortably on that occasion, I don't think the extra weight will prevent it from winning again. It should be sternly opposed by Shanghai 4 (Mr. K. Kwok), which was second in this same race, as it will have an advantage of 10 lb. Meadow Eve (Mr. S. W. Pan) was a disappointment in the Chung Hwa Handicap, although it came in third. It should do better this time with an allowance of 4 lb. from Fairy Ousel. Fairy Auk should do well if taken out by an experienced jockey.

Fairy Ousel is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6. THE SHEKKI PLATE: SIX FURLONGS

This is the last race of the day and novice jockeys will be given mounts on "X" Class China ponies that have not won more than \$100 in stakes since January 1, 1941. The Spirit of St. Louis (Mr. Nolasco) won the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting last year, and on that performance alone should account for this race. It is far superior to the others entered. Only opposition I envisage should come from The Mermaid (Mr. Yeh), while other ponies that may cause upsets are Iron Knight (Mr. Lo Kwong-to) and National Triumph (Mr. K. Kwok).

GRAPHIC GOLF



Uphill-Downhill

By BEST BALL

Rolling terrain on golf courses presents many occasions when the ball must be played from an uphill or downhill lie. Balance is essential in both instances and for the uphill lie, this is best maintained by having the ball located off the left foot using a normal stance. A slight bend in the left knee, keeps the body on even keel, similar to knee action in a motor car. During the backswing an effort must be made to keep a measure of weight on the left foot as this guards against the tendency to fall away from the ball, a not unnatural reaction under the circumstances.

On downhill lies the ball is located nearer the right foot. This position plus the use of a more lofted club than usual under similar distance requirements, will tend to get the ball into the air. It is essential that the player make certain of following through, keeping the clubhead travelling as close to the ground as possible.

Next Article:—The Backstroke.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—

AT RECREIO Junior Singles

P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (8 p.m.)
A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (9 p.m.)

Senior Doubles

C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (8.30 p.m.)

Joe Louis tells one on himself. A Negro bootblack was doing a good job on a customer's shoes when the customer inquired: "What do you think about Joe Louis making those stump speeches for the Republicans?" "Just what you could expect," replied the bootblack. "Dom millionaires always stick together."

Until he caught up with Henry Armstrong, Fritz Zivic had to fight to eat, which is why his start against Al Davis at Madison Square Garden recently was his 14th of the year.

Taking everything into consideration, however, I fancy The Spirit of St. Louis to win, with The Mermaid second and National Triumph third.

VOLUNTEERS' FINE SHOWING IN H.K.R.A. MACHINE-GUN MATCH

A FAIRLY HIGH standard prevailed at Kowloon City Rifle Range yesterday, the rifle meeting being continued in favourable weather.

For the first time in history, it is understood, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has placed in the machine-gun match, their Team 1, comprised of members of the Mobile Column, being runners-up to Team 1, of 5/7th Rajputana Regiment.

Apart from their winning this event, Rajputana Regiment also carried off the honours in the services team revolver match with a total of 442 points, beating their nearest rivals, 1st Bn., Middlesex Regiment, by a single point.

M'Sex. Success

The Company match was won by "C" Company, 1st Bn., Middlesex Regiment, when they scored 342 points to beat H.M.S. Tamar, who came second, by 16 points, while their "H.Q." Company won the platoon match with a score of 321 points.

Lance-Corporal Allo, of Royal Engineers, led the list of 20 qualifiers for the Association Service Rifle championship.

Several competitors, who scored similar points on Wednesday in the deliberate competition, will fire off this morning.

Following were yesterday's results with scores in brackets:—

Machine-Gun Match:—1, Team 2, 5/7th R.R. (169); 2, Team 1, H.K.V.D.C. (147); 3, Team 1, 5/7th R.R. (115); 4, Team 1, 1st Bn. Mdx. (98); 5, "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (91); 6, Team 2, H.K.V.D.C. (69); 7, Team 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (60) and 8, "D" Coy., 2nd Bn. R.S. (42).

Services Team Revolver Match:—1, 5/7th R.R. (442); 2, 1st Bn. Mdx. (441); 3, 2nd Bn. R.S. (386); 4, H.M.S. Tamar, (374) and 5, Corps of Military Police (372).

Company Match:—1, "C" Company, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, (342) and 2, Royal Marines, Tamar, (326).

Platoon Match:—1, "H.Q." Coy. 1st Mdx. (321); 2, H.M.S. Tamar, (309); 3, 5/7th Rajput Regiment (308); 4, 5/7th Rajputs Regiment (1), (302); 5, "H.Q." Coy. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, (288); 6, 5/7th Rajput Regiment (2), (279); 7, 1st Middlesex "C" Company, (277) and 5/7th Rajput Regiment (4), (277); 9, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "C" Company 14 Platoon, (269); 10, 1st Middlesex "A" Company, (262); 11, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "B" Coy. 12 Platoon, (238); 12, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (235); 13, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "A" Coy. 9 Platoon, (213); 14, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots "D" Coy. 17 Platoon, (212) and 15, 1st Middlesex "B" Company, (211).

Association Service Rifle Championship:—1, L/Cpl. Allo, R.E. (48); 2, Sgt. Cole, R.M. (46); 3, Sgt. Sargent, H.K.P. (44); 4, Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.P. (41); 5, Cpl. Langford, 1st Mdx. (41); 6, Sgt. Rushman, R.M. (39); 7, W.O. Tolison, R.A.F. (38); 8, L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. (38); 9, Cpl. Gash, R.A.F. (37); 10, Sgt. Griffith, R.M. (37); 11, Cpl. Sher Singh, H.K.P. (37); 12, Mne. Croft, R.M. (37); 13, Mne. Richardson, R.M. (36); 14, Cpl. Henley, R.A.F. (32); 15, Sgt. Priddy, 1st Mdx. (31); 16, Sgt. Booth, 2nd R.S. (29); 17, Piper Stewart, 2nd R.S. (27); 18, Pte. Hatfield, 1st Mdx. (22); 19, Pte. Buller, 1st Mdx. (20) and 20, Pte. Sturges, 1st Mdx. (18).

Craigengower Teams

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in League Cricket matches to-morrow:

1st XI v University (Away):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.

2nd XI v Recreation (Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

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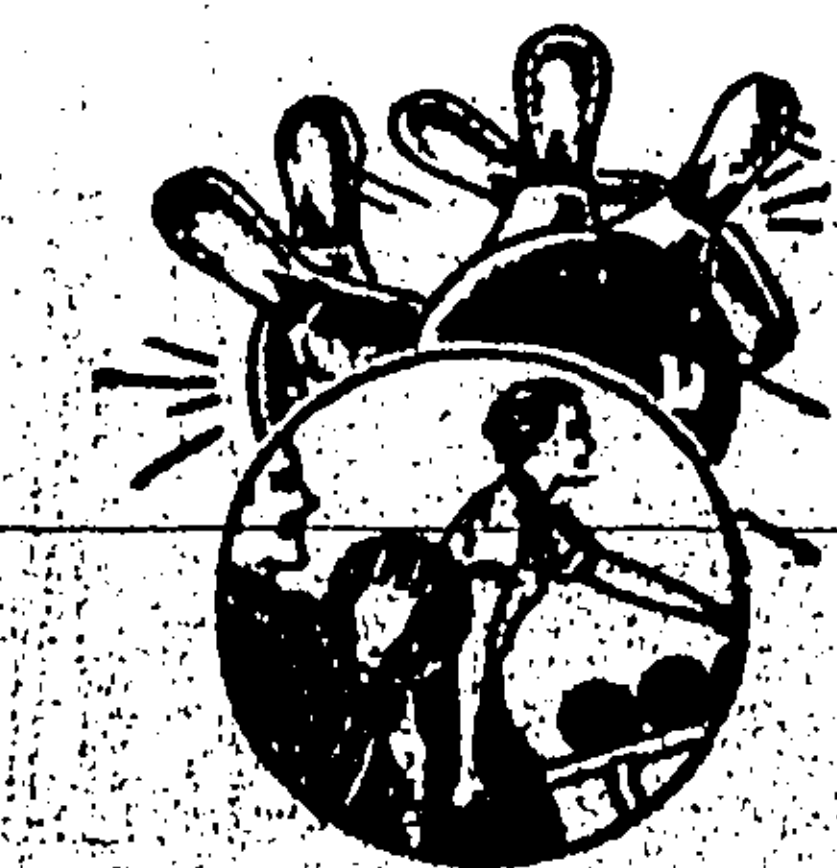
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

FINAL SERVICES BOXING COMPETITION NEXT WEEK

Royals Out To Retain Trophy

By "Squaddy"

ON Tuesday and Wednesday the last of the Command boxing competitions will be held at Murray Barracks, commencing at 8.30 p.m. each evening. It will be the Inter-Unit team boxing championship, between Royal Artillery, Royal Scots and Middlesex Regt.

The draw for this competition is as follows:—
Royal Artillery v Royal Scots (Tuesday).
Winners of the above v Middlesex Regt. (Wednesday).
Winners of this competition last year were Royal Scots; it will be remembered that they won on the last fight of the evening, between Sgt. Elliot and Drum-Major Holdford, the final standing being Royal Scots 23 and the Middlesex 22.

This was Sgt. Elliot's last fight for his battalion, and he is now trainer of the Scots' team. He is counting on them retaining the trophy for another year. Both Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment have lost some of their prominent boxers but a good show is expected all the same.

The Governor's trophy, which was presented last year for the major boxing event in the Colony, will also be presented to the winner of the competition. This trophy was presented by H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and if in the future, there is a contest senior to that held by the Services, it will be presented to the winners of that competition.

The teams for Tuesday night will not be known until after the weigh-in on Tuesday morning. Combined Small Units tried hard to raise a team but could only find 12 men suitable for the contest and had to withdraw their entry.

Last year's results were as follows:—

Bantamweight:—Bailey (Royal Scots) K.O. Hope (Middlesex).
Featherweight:—Corrigan (Royal Scots) beat Noble (Middlesex); Phillips (Middlesex) beat Brown (Royal Scots).
Lightweight:—Gilroy (Middlesex) beat Barker (Royal Scots); Gribble (Middlesex) beat Wiseman (Royal Scots); Cavanagh (Royal Scots) beat Geist (Middlesex).

Welterweight:—McGready (Royal Scots) beat Williams (Middlesex); Eaton (Middlesex) beat Cal-Jagan (Royal Scots); Ritchie (Royal Scots) beat Wilson (Middlesex); Elliot (Royal Scots) beat Holdford (Middlesex).

Middleweight:—Emerson (Royal Scots) lost to McGrady (Middlesex); More (Royal Scots) K.O. Roberts (Middlesex); Cooper (Royal Scots) beat Bridle (Middlesex).

Lightweight:—Marshall lost to Fox (Middlesex).

Heavyweight:—Moran (Middlesex) beat Alexander.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

ROYAL SCOTS added another win to their list on Wednesday by defeating the Shield finalists, the Navy, by 3-1. This is the third game the Scots have won in succession and they have scored eight goals against one.

Royal Engineers made sure of the Second Division at Sookunpoo on Wednesday by defeating Sing Tao by 3-1, this being the fourth trophy that they have won this season. Their successes so far have been the Small Units Rugby competition, Large Units Rugby competition, Large Units cricket and the H.K.F.A. League Division I. And they have a fine chance of winning the Army seven-a-side Rugby tournament, which is starting on Tuesday.

Royal Army Service Corps lost their chance of getting on top by only drawing with South China on Tuesday, but they are now concentrating on winning the Shield, in which they have a very good chance.

Third Division honours are likely to be won off yet by Royal Signals and Air Force, who are

now level on points and games. To-morrow both have easy games to play but anything is liable to happen. Signals play 35th Bty., R.A. and Air Force play Shell. There has been one change in the Army team for their match with South China to-morrow at Causeway Bay, Coomer, Middlesex, coming in at outside-right in place of Sgt. Owens, Royal Artillery, who is unable to play.

SWIMMING

A MEETING of Unit swimming representatives was held on Tuesday at Scandal Point Hall, and the following points were brought to notice.

The Command Swimming sports would be held in September in the Army baths. The public will be invited to attend.

Water-polo and swimming this season will be held as two separate events, the final of the water-polo being held on the final day of the swimming meeting.

It was not decided as to the holding of the one-mile and half-mile races, which were cancelled last year owing to cholera, and units were asked whether they were in agreement with holding these races if the Medical authorities gave the necessary permission.

Entries for the Command Swimming sports will close in August.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Sal" Aramin — You are under a misapprehension. The tournament in question was being arranged by the Army and we had nothing to do with the organisation. — Sports Ed.

EASTERN RETURNING

Eastern Athletic Association, whose remaining matches in Manila have been cancelled as the result of a decision of the P.A.A.F. following a fight among spectators during the Eastern — Y.C.O. match, are returning to the Colony during the week-end.

Eastern were originally to play five games in Manila but only played one against the Combined St. Thomas and Letran Universities.

SPORTS CLUB MEETING

The question of the abolition of temporary voting members and the right of every member to enjoy full privileges was raised at the annual meeting of the Sports Club yesterday. Mr. M. H. Lo presided.

New General Committee

The following were elected to the general committee.—M. M. Watson, U. Sz-wing, Lam Ming-fan, Major C. M. Manners, Wong Sik-chung, M. H. Lo, Horace Lo, F. W. Shaftain, H. C. Macnamara, Ezra Abraham, W. T. Stanton, Kenneth Chan, Messrs. M. K. Lo, R. Lasala, Fook S. Ko, Tang Shiu-kin, J. K. Ross, R. E. Raschle were elected members of the balloting committee.

Great Effort By T.A. Pearce

Although 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce made a great effort to pull the game round, 5th. A. A. Regiment, R. A., were badly beaten by 7 wickets by Royal Army Service Corps in the final of the Army Small Units Knock-Out Competition.

When stumps were drawn on Wednesday, Service Corps, thanks to fine bowling by Martin and Young and a big innings by Logan, were 91 runs on with three wickets in hand, Martin being undefeated with 10 and Govier with six. Resuming yesterday morning the total was carried to 187, Martin going on to make 24 and Govier 16.

Led by 121 runs on the first innings, the Ack Ack Gunners, with the exception of T. A. Pearce, again failed with the bat and were all out for 144, of which Pearce claimed no fewer than 94, in which were 15 fours.

R. A. S. C. knocked off the necessary 24 runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

5TH A.A.	
First Innings	66
Second Innings	
Barker, c Mason, b Young	2
T. A. Pearce, c Dewar, b Howell	94
Barsby, b Young	0
J. L. C. Pearce, b Dewar	10
Dobbinson, st Hamlen, b Martin	6
J. Clague, run out	1
P. A. Passmore, l.b.w., b Martin	0
Martin, b Young	2
Morgan, c Young, b French	6
McCadden, c Govier, b Martin	1
Sidders, not out	0
Extras (W2, B18, NB2)	22
Total	144

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R. W.
Dewar	8	1	23 1
Young	9	1	50 3
Martin	10	1	22 3
French	3	0	17 1
Howell	14	0	10 1
Martin and French each bowled a no ball.			

R.A.S.C.			
First Innings			
Logan, c Pearce, b Clague	98		
Young, run out	8		
French, b T. A. Pearce	4		
Hamlen, st. McCadden, b T. A. Pearce	5		
Benford, b Barsby	8		
Howell, c T. A. Pearce, b Dobbinson	8		
Dewar, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce	4		
Martin, c Barker, b T. A. Pearce	24		
Govier, c Dobbinson, b T. A. Pearce	16		
Glen, not out	2		
Mason, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce	0		
Extras (B9, LB1)	10		
Total	187		

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R. W.
Passmore	3	0	17 0
T. A. Pearce	16.5	1	49 6
Clague	12	0	79 1
Barsby	5	0	35 1
Dobbinson	3	0	7 1

Seconds Innings			
Logan, b Clague	0		
Young, b T. A. Pearce	5		
French, not out	6		
Hamlen, st. b Clague	13		
Extras (B1)	1		

Total (for 3 wks.) 25
Benford, Howell, Dewar, Martin, Govier, Glen and Mason did not bat.

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R. W.
Clague	3.5	0	15 2
T. A. Pearce	3	0	9 1

HULSE IN FINE FORM

In a friendly cricket match at King's Park yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat H.M.S. Tamar by 94 runs.

D.B.S.—148 (A. J. Hulse 58, G. A. Goodban 32; Douglas 2 for 18, Hogan 2 for 33 and Barton 2 for 43).

H.M.S. Tamar—54 (Hogan 13; A. J. Hulse 6 for 24, A. Ebrahim 4 for 22).

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Interesting Match On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

K. H. IP, the South China champion of the last two seasons, seen for the first time by a surprisingly large crowd on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, gave an excellent display against former champion, Tsui Wai-pui, in the Colony singles championship, although he lost in straight sets.

Tsui won 6-4, 6-4.

It is probable that Tsui Wai-pui, having taken the measure of his opponent in the first three games, did not take matters thereafter as seriously as he might have done, but nevertheless there were numerous occasions when Ip executed well-planned coups with the finesse of a veteran.



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning

SUNDAY

Old Course	
9.20 a.m.	G. G. Altkenhead, D. S. Robb.
9.24	H. F. Phillips, A. J. Dennis.
9.28	W. N. A. Smalley, J. Harrop.
9.32	D. A. Baker Carr, A. J. M. Evans.
9.36	J. A. Parrish, R. K. Valentine.
9.40	I. P. Tarnworth, K. S. Robertson.
9.44	A. V. Currie, L. Jackson.
9.48	P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin.
9.52	C. Dodds, G. Thomerson.
9.56	P. V. McLane, T. Megarry.
10.00	J. van Muijen, J. G. Jensen.
10.04	D. M. Richards, H. C. Margrett.
10.08	A. B. Purves, J. C. Taylor.
10.12	E. A. R. Fowles, R. K. M. Patten.
10.16	B. L. Stock, J. Hart Davis.
10.20	W. L. Alexander, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.24	W. Woodward, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.28	J. Linaker, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.32	D. MacAllister, D. Allen.
10.36	H. H. Mundy, T. Low.
10.40	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
10.44	Col. Holt, H. A. Mills.
10.48	B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
10.52	F. A. Dindsdale, M. A. Annett.
10.56	S. Tomlinson, J. B. Mackie.
11.00	E. H. Williams, L. A. Calcroft.
11.04	A. D. Humphreys, G. M. Park.
11.08	Col. Rose, F. A. Redmond.
11.12	I. H. C. Highet, A. V. Greaves.
11.16	D. F. Hughes, R. M. M. King.
11.20	A. Plummer, D. I. Bosanquet.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	R. Young, R. Forrest.
9.24	A. W. Bourne, I. H. Geare.
9.28	R. C. Gardner, G. T. Harrington.
9.32	J. W. Anderson, Capt. Thurst.
9.36	S. H. and M. C. Dodwell.
9.40	T. E. Pearce, G. F. Murphy.
9.44	J. L. C. Pearce, J. W. Clague.
9.48	R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.
9.52	A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
9.56	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
10.00	R. S. W. Paterson, E. L. Groome.
10.04	M. H. Turner, F. C. Young.

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There were several glaring shortcomings in his game and at the outset he was obviously nervous, while at crucial moments he was apt to make foolish errors, but these lapses can be attributed to lack of experience which time should do much to eradicate.

Fine Forehand

Ip's forehand drive was his most profitable stroke yesterday. Hit cross-court into his opponent's forehand corner, it was a difficult shot to return and at no time was Tsui able to deal with it with his usual confidence. His sliced drive down the sideline was also a good shot, the ball running away after hitting the ground and keeping very low. On the backhand he showed a definite weakness and was quite unable to attack on this wing.

Ip, on the occasions that he took the forecourt, volleyed crisply and accurately, while overhead he really hit the ball when he could reach it comfortably.

It was noticeable, however, that when hurried, Ip was often at a loss. His lobbing was not very accurate and his backhand insufficiently powerful to permit a passing shot.

Nevertheless he never gave up trying and his plucky attempts to return some of Tsui's best efforts won the acclaim and sympathy of the crowd.

Definitely maintaining the promise of his earlier match against Ho Ka-lau, Ip is without doubt the most promising newcomer to the tournament for many seasons—this year is the first time he has appeared.

Tsui's game is very much the same as it was last year. He made his usual quota of inexplicable errors and, when he so desired, the inevitable winner.

His service shows little improvement and in his first service game he was guilty of no fewer than three double faults.

Until he is seen against either of the Rumjahn's, probably the only players in Hong Kong for whom he has any great respect, it will be hard to form a definite opinion as to how well he really is playing.

Opportunity Missed

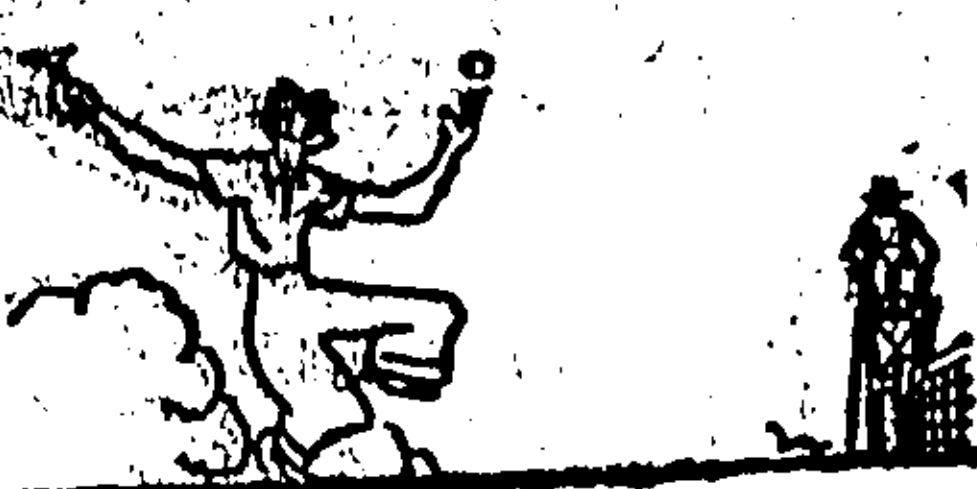
In the first set Ip led 2-1, was led 5-2, and lost 6-4, and the second set was almost identical. He had a great chance of levelling at 5—all in the second set, when he led 40-30 on service at 4-5, but he then put up a double fault and Tsui made no further mistake.

In the later stages there were some brilliant rallies with both men returning virtual winners, and throughout the tennis was always interesting to watch.



OTHER RESULTS

Other results were as follows: Club handicap doubles—F. W. Carter and E. N. Thurstby beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop 6-2, 6-3. Club mixed doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet 6-3, 6-0.



TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

A. Crawford v. George Choa (4); I. M. A. Razack v. S. A. Rumjahn (5); M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (-3/6) v. R. E. Guest (15.1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) or H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) (3).

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Following is the Colony tennis championship programme for next week:—

Monday

Open Doubles

George Choa and A. V. Remedios v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

Club Championship

H. J. Armstrong v. M. Pagh (8).

Club Handicap Singles

T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) (1).

Club Handicap Doubles

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thurstby (-2/6) (4).

Tuesday

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (3).

Wednesday

Open Singles

A. Crawford or George Choa v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court); Pang Oi-lam, v. M. Pagh or H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); C. H. R. Oxlade (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest (-15.1) or F. W. Carter (-1/6) (7).

Club Handicap Doubles

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (15.1) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (-1/6) or A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (3).

Thursday

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui or W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

Club Championship

T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (6).

V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter (7).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the Hockey Association tournament programme for Sunday:—

10.30 a.m.

Police "A" v. Recreio (Boundary Street, K. Husain and W. Hodge)

C. B. A. v. Signals

(C.B.A., V. Bridle and R. Wellington)

Destroyers v. University

(Navy, King's Park, G. Singh and E. Vasco)

4 p.m.

5th A.A. "B" v. Engineers

(Lyeemun, W. Bevan and J. Tomlinson)

The game between Nomads and 2/M.T.B.'s has been postponed.

UMPIRES FOR LADIES SEVEN-A-SIDES

Messrs. T. A. Tyas, J. W. Dove and W. Wathen have been appointed to officiate at the Ladies' Seven-A-Side tournament to be held to-morrow.



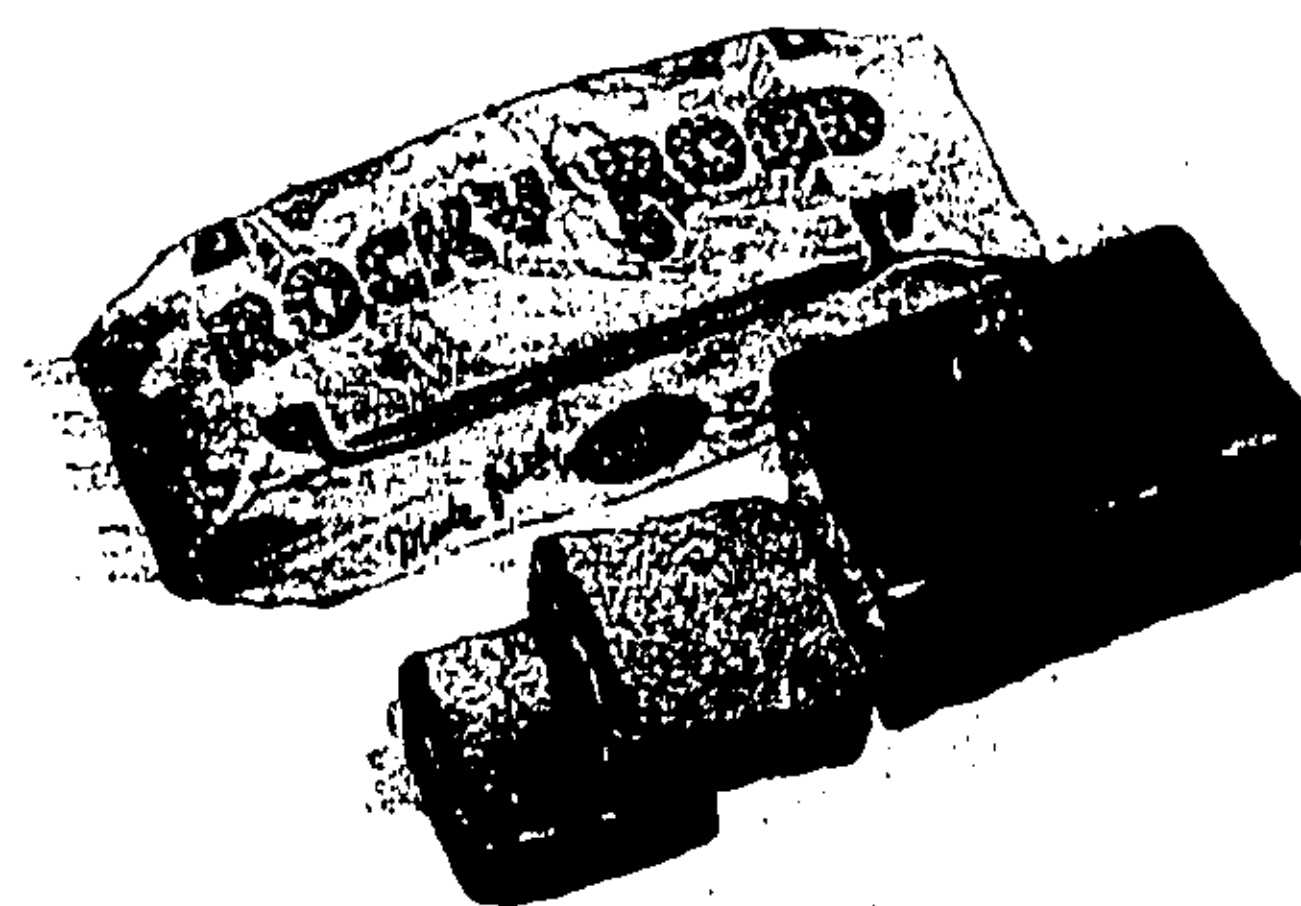
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LEASE AND LEND WILL NOT AFFECT EXCHANGE NEEDS

EFFECT OF THE LEASE AND LEND ACT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S EXPORT POLICY WAS DEALT WITH BY CAPT. OLIVER LYTTLETON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Britain, he said, needs more supplies of every kind from the United States.

The British Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lease and Lend Act provides for continued supplies of essential goods.

Our need for dollars, however, remains very great and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is a contribution of first rate importance to our cause.

That was one reason why the British Government still regarded it as a necessity for Britain to maintain and extend its exports to the United States and continues to give every assistance to that trade.

Response Of Buyers

The extent to which this purpose could be achieved of course depended largely on the response of buyers in the United States, and he trusted they would continue to ask for our products.

Experience would, he thought, have demonstrated to them our ability to produce and deliver goods and maintain their traditional high quality. (Cheers).

Freer Exchange

Replying to a further question, suggesting modifications in the law relating to holdings and use of dollar currency by Britons in the United States and a freer exchange of currency between Bri-

tain and the United States, Capt. Brooksbank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, emphasised that in spite of the passage of the Lease and Lend Act our overseas commitments to be met in gold or dollars remained very large.

It therefore remained essential to our war effort that our exchange resources should be conserved to the maximum degree and the exchange control regulations strictly complied with by all concerned.—Reuter.

RACE AGAINST THE RAINS

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A considerable number of guns and much war material was also captured at Asmara. Operations are continuing southwest from Asmara.

British forward troops have withdrawn to positions north of Agedabia, in Libya. This movement was followed up by enemy mechanised forces.—Reuter.

Trying To Counter Eritrean Disasters

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
German military quarters in Berlin yesterday claimed that a German offensive in Libya has opened.

They allege that German and Italian forces are "pursuing" British troops retreating northward.—International News Service.



R.A.F. personnel landing in Greece from a British warship, drawn up on the quay at the port of Athens, watched by Greek dock officials and sailors. (Copyright, Fox).

EIRE'S PROTEST TO REICH

Eire has suffered from Nazi attacks on shipping, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Premier, revealed in the Dail yesterday.

During the last four weeks, he stated, one Irish vessel has been sunk and three others attacked.

In all cases the aircraft had been identified as German, and the Eire charge d'affaires in Berlin had been instructed to protest and demand compensation.

Asked if he would make immediate urgent representations to the United States, to remove the restrictions on United States shipping to Eire, Mr. de Valera replied that such representations were made at an early stage in the war unsuccessfully.

They had made offers to purchase United States vessels and had asked the United States authorities to facilitate them in obtaining the necessary licences.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RELEASE LIGHTERS

Just 24 hours after their detention, the Japanese naval authorities in Shanghai yesterday released seven lighters belonging to three foreign concerns, several native lighters and approximately 500 tons of general merchandise, according to the "North China Daily News."

The merchandise was consigned by Chinese and foreign shippers to Hong Kong, Rangoon and Calcutta by the British steamer "Helen Moller."

It is understood that three of the seven foreign lighters belonged to British firms.

Their release is reported to have followed discussions between the foreign consuls concerned and the competent Japanese authorities.

Quoting Chinese sources the newspaper says the Japanese acted on the assumption that the cargo involved was destined for Chungking.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The announcement of the British evacuation of Benghazi gave few details of the withdrawal. The British military authorities in Cairo believe, however, that General Wavell either found himself confronted by a major air onslaught from German Stukas recently landed in North Africa or decided to shorten his long, thin line of communications in the Near East or the Balkans.—International News Service.

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